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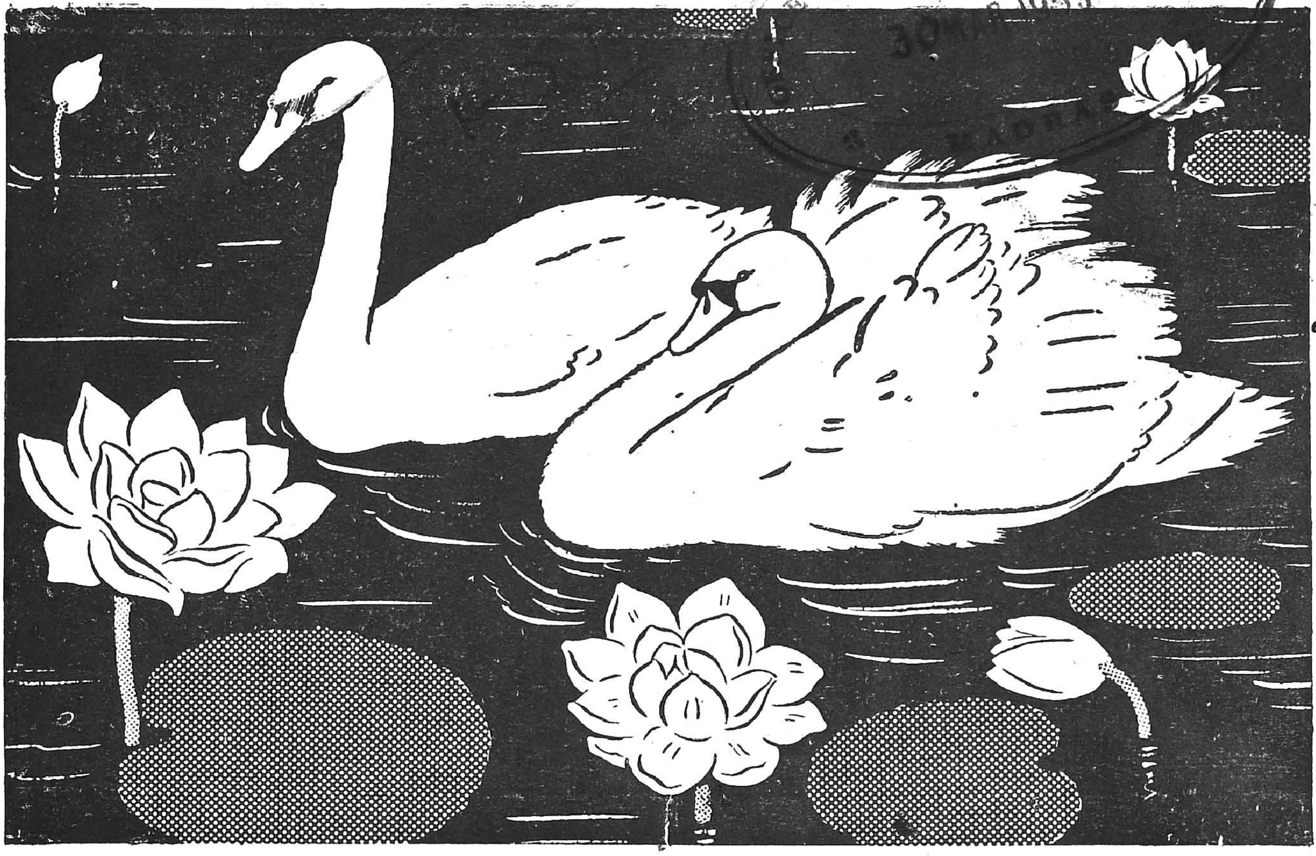

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We Dedicate this Book;
In Homage
To Those who are no more,
In Gratitude
To Those who still
watch us

P. K. Kuriyan
Hon. Editor.

THE

MADRAS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

SILVER JUBILEE SOUVENIR

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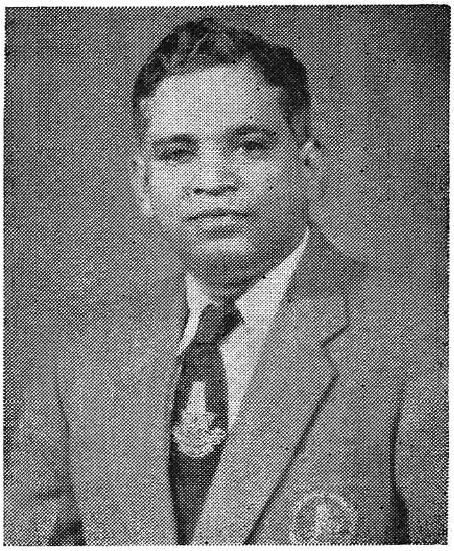
30th of January, 1959

MADRAS

THE EDITOR'S PREDICAMENT



He thanks you very much,

But how to express it?

WHEN the heart overflows, language fails! The stupendous task of bringing out this Souvenir is over. In all humility I beg to tender my sincere thanks to all those who helped, encouraged, guided and supported me in my task and contributed towards the Souvenir's success.

PERHAPS it was more my love for the game than my ability that induced my colleagues to entrust to me the responsibility of compiling this Souvenir. My inexperienced shoulders bent at the news! The more the gravity of the occasion was appreciated, the heavier the burden appeared to be. The successful completion of two and a half decades of service by any organization is indeed a momentous occasion. For the Madras Football Association, the occasion has been all the more highlighted by the privilege of organizing the XV National Championship Tournament for the Santosh Trophy. Such thoughts brought in a complex fear that despite all efforts, these pages may fail to depict the spirit, dignity and grandeur of the occasion as it ought to be.

THE spade work of this Souvenir got off to a good start, thanks to the splendid co-operation evinced by individuals or institutions, we contacted directly or indirectly. The fund of goodwill extended by them at every stage was so much in abundance that the progress of the Souvenir in the right path was assured. The messages of good wishes from high ranking personalities from India and abroad indicate the wide popularity of this game. It is inspiring and elevating to realise that these men of eminence are watching from near and far our activities and progress. We hope that the Madras Football Association through its endeavours will be able to rise up to their expectations and keep aloft the ideals commended by them. The one from our illustrious Chief Minister Sri Kamaraj Nadar on promotion of discipline through sports is of particular interest. Let us follow this and dedicate ourselves as true disciples of explicit and implicit discipline.

WE are indeed grateful to those who in ready response to our request, have kindly contributed articles which are really a digest on football affairs. Some journals have kindly permitted, us, merely for our asking, to reproduce articles of interest. We are grateful to them. Their gesture is in the wider interest of the game. The Sports and

Pastime, the popular sports magazine has placed at our disposal valuable data for publication in this Souvenir. We thank them most sincerely. We record our thanks also to Institutions, clubs or individuals who have made available to us documents, photographs etc. which are reminiscences of the glorious past. Our most sincere thanks are due to all advertisers and donators for their support and co-operation, but for which these pages would not have been as rosy as they are. We are aware that the interest evinced by them is more for the cause of sports and games than for anything else.

WE do not know how to express our gratitude to the parent body viz., the All India Football Federation. We acknowledge with many thanks the special interest and help extended to us by the Federation from time to time. In particular its popular President Sri Pankaj Gupta, active Vice-President Shri Dutta Ray and the most energetic Secretary Sri Ziauddin have been very co-operative in all matters connected with this Association.

NOW, what about my colleagues? If this Souvenir is a success, I owe it all to them. A full measure of credit is due to them. But for their co-operation, help and guidance I would have been left stranded at the start itself. It is difficult to single out any and it is impossible to leave off my friends Messrs. A. M. Kanniappa Mudaliar, P. N. Ramachandran and N. Vittal who were of immense help to me. With apologies to others, may I refer to Messrs. I. Shanmugam and G. Govindaraj who toiled with me most untiringly and ungrudgingly from start to end; the smiles of the former were encouraging and the artistic resourcefullness of the latter was an asset to me.

NATURALLY in an endeavour like this errors might have crept in. But to err is human! To forgive is noble! !

P. K. KURIYAN,

Hony. Editor.

Messages

and

Greetings

S. RADHAKRISHNAN
VICE-PRESIDENT, INDIA

NEW DELHI,
21st November 1958

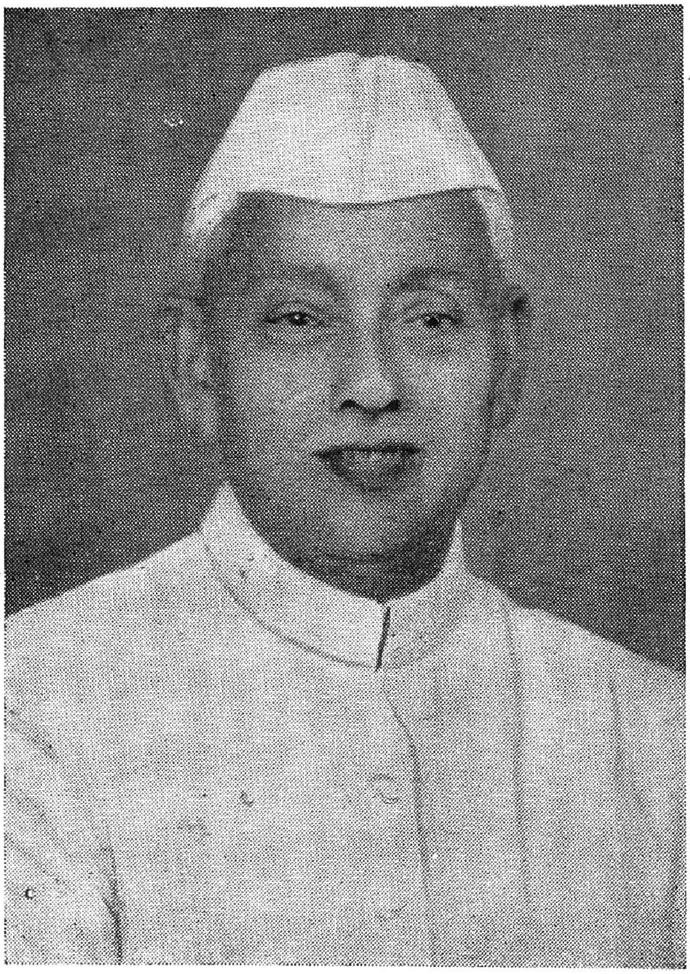
I am glad to know that you will be celebrating the Silver Jubilee of your Association in the month of January 1959 to be followed by the tournaments for the National Football Championship for the Santosh Trophy. You have my best wishes.

(Sd.) S. RADHAKRISHNAN

BISHNURAM MEDHI
GOVERNOR OF MADRAS

Raj Bhavan, Guindy,
MADRAS-22.

20th October 1958



I am happy to know that the Silver Jubilee of the Madras Football Association will be celebrated in January 1959. I would like to congratulate the Association on its successful completion of twentyfive years service in the cause of sports. I send my best wishes for the success of the Silver Jubilee celebration.

(Sd.) BISHNURAM MEDHI

SRI PRAKASA
GOVERNOR OF BOMBAY

BOMBAY,
10th November, 1958.

I am happy to learn that the Madras Football Association will be celebrating its Silver Jubilee in the month of January 1959, and that the celebration will be followed by the National Football Championship for the Santosh Trophy.

The importance of sports, whether for purposes of recreation, health or building of character, can hardly be overemphasised. It is heartening to see that there is increasing desire all around to have more sportsmen and sportswomen in our younger generation, not only for acquiring proficiency in any particular game, but also for fostering the spirit of true sportsmanship, camaraderie and discipline. These qualities which are assets of a nation, have to be developed early in life.

I send my warmest good wishes for the success of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations and the National Football Championship, and all health and happiness to all those who are partaking in them.

(Sd.) SRI PRAKASA

Government of Madras

K. KAMARAJ
CHIEF MINISTER OF MADRAS

Fort St. George,
MADRAS,

3rd November 1958

It has been said that implicit obedience to the rules of the game not only enhances the inherent majesty of the game as a spectacle, but also helps the players to derive the maximum benefit from such team-games. The stature and authority of the Madras Football Association have contributed not a little to the popularity of the game in Madras. All lovers of the game, and more particularly the clubs and players affiliated to the Madras Football Association, should strengthen it further so that its Silver Jubilee may mark the begining of another era of service to the game and another epoch of pleasure to the football fans in the State. I for one shall look forward eagerly to a vigorous and active future for the Madras Football Association.

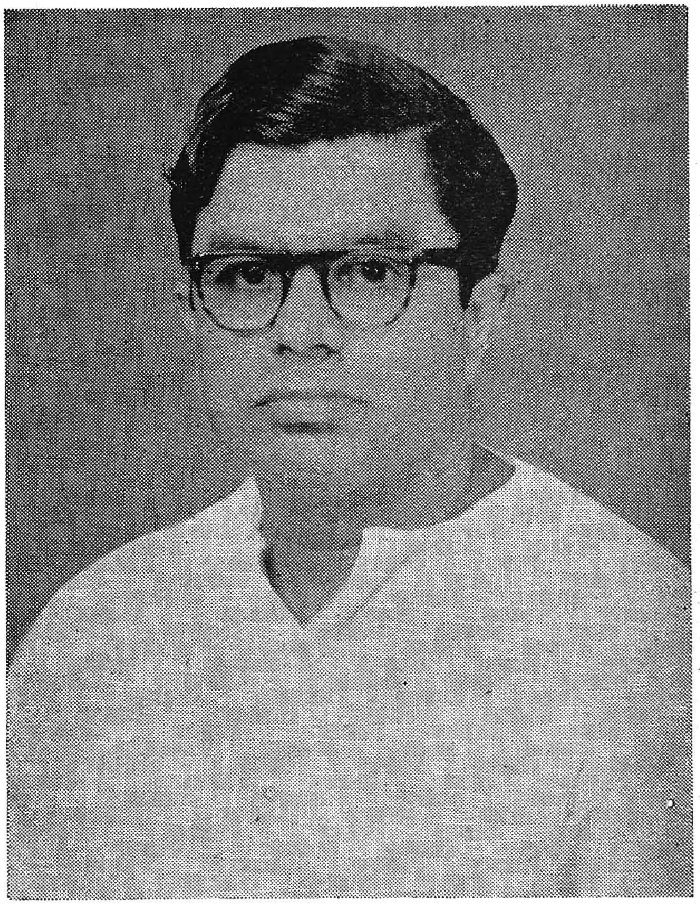
(Sd.) K. KAMARAJ

Government of Madras

C. SUBRAMANIAM
MINISTER FOR FINANCE,

Fort St. George,
MADRAS

18th October, 1958.



I am glad to learn that the Madras Football Association is to celebrate its Silver Jubilee. The value of team games cannot be over emphasised and they are the best means of inculcating discipline and a spirit of playing more for side than for self. Even in playing for the side, there can occasionally be a tendency to devote a fanatical loyalty to the side. I believe that the purpose of game associations like the Madras Football Association is not merely to promote and supervise tournaments but also to see that the game is played in the right spirit without fanatical rivalries. I am sure the Madras Football Association can look forward to many years of useful service to the game of football as well as to the players.

(Sd.) C. SUBRAMANIAM.

Government of Madras

M. BHAKTAVATSALAM,
HOME MINISTER

Fort St. George,
MADRAS.

24th November, 1958.

I offer to the Madras Foot-Ball Association my warmest felicitations and wish the Silver Jubilee celebrations every success.

(Sd.) M. BHAKTAVATSALAM.

Government of Madras

M. A. MANICKAVELU
MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND HEALTH.

Fort St. George,
MADRAS - 9
19th October, 1958

I am glad to know that the Jubilee will be celebrated in January 1959. Bangalore and Madras have always evinced great interest in football. There is no wonder that Madras is keeping up its tradition.

(Sd.) M. A MANICKAVELU

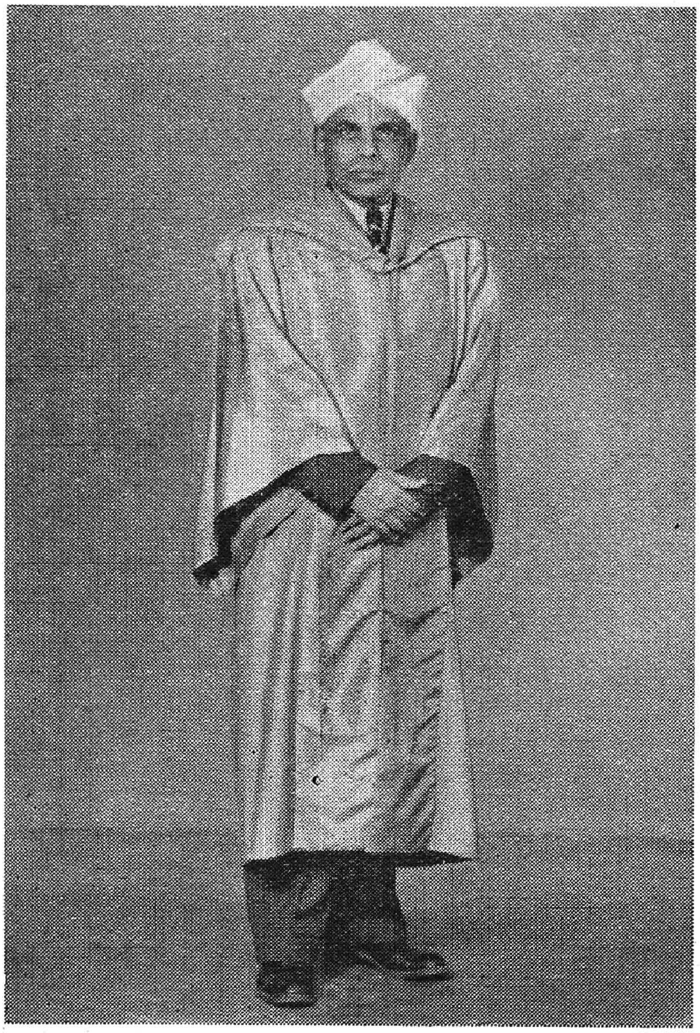
University of Madras

SIR A. L. MUDALIAR,
VICE-CHANCELLOR

University Buildings
Chepauk, MADRAS-5

Dated, 16th November, 1958

I am glad that once more Madras has been selected as the venue for holding the National Championship in Football. We are extremely glad about it because it happens that the Silver Jubilee of our Association will also be held about that time during the last week of January. The XV National Championship, which is to commence about the middle of February 1959, will indeed be a most attractive event. Eight teams are expected to play on League cum Knock-out basis. The interest taken in this game in India is as great as the interest taken in Hockey and, although India has not so far been able to secure the Championship of the world, I have no doubt that the stimulus given by such Championship tournaments will go a long way to create in our young players the zeal and the determination to acquit themselves as best as they can and try, in the spirit of true sportsmanship, to acquire the coveted honours. But whether these honours are obtained or not, whether we lose or succeed, I am sure that the members participating will always remember that the game is fought for more reasons than the mere acquisition of a trophy, that behind all this is the character development which is so essential for all of us and, more particularly in these games, that the sprit of sportsmanship will always be with us which implies characteristics peculiar of fairplay, justice, recognition of the merits of others and a sincere desire to play the role of a perfect gentleman. Football is certainly a most stimulating game which gives us also the great lesson of team work and subordination of individual aspirations for the good of the whole group. May this vision inspire more and more our young players coming from far and near.



(Sd.) A. L. MUDALIAR
President, Madras Football Association

TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN PUTRA,
President,
Asian Football Confederation
and Football Association of Malaya.

Prime Minister,
Federation of Malaya,
KUALA LUMPUR.
26—12—'58

I thank you for the compliment paid me by inviting me to send a message to mark the Silver Jubilee of the Madras Football Association, and I have very great pleasure indeed in doing so.

Football is becoming more and more popular in the countries of Asia, and already the game has received more public support in Malaya than any other and I know it is the same in Madras.

In spite of all the enthusiasm shown by the public for soccer and in spite of all the efforts of supporters of the game, Asian Football is still below the standard of European Football. It is obvious from here that a lot more has to be done to improve the standard of soccer in Asia and that is one of the aims of the Asian Football Confederation. In order to achieve this objective, Asian countries must work very much closer together.

We have tried out competitions in the Federation of Malaya during our Merdeka celebrations and have met with great success. Such competitions among Asian countries should be held from time to time. The dfficulty, of course, is the question of expense. Some countries allow a more liberal exchange control ; others have a very restricted one, and unless countries can cooperate to relax control of foreign exchange, there is very little means of our improving football. This is one of the difficulties we find with play in India, and I hope the Indian Government will take this position into account.

I hope that in time to come with the encouragement that has been given by many countries to soccer that Asian players will soon be able to compete against the best of European teams.

There is another way of improving Asian soccer and that is to start from the schools. This year Malaya is arranging a competition for the school-boys of Asia and a Gold Cup has been donated for the purpose. It is my earnest desire that every country should take part. Malaya is to be the host country, and you can rest assured that we will make everybody happy and comfortable while they are here.

The Madras Football Association is celebrating its Silver Jubilee, and this is something of which it can be justly proud. May I on behalf of the Football Association of Malaya and also of the Asian Football Confederation express our heartiest congratulations and hope also that your concurrent competition for the Santosh Trophy will meet with every success.

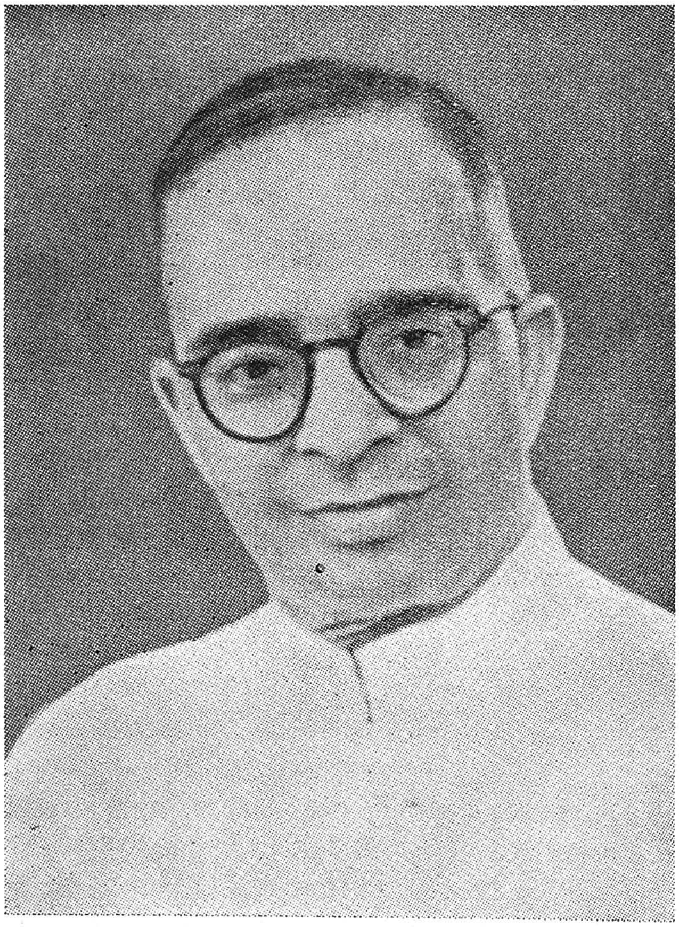
(Sd.) TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN PUTRA

Dr. U. Krishna Rau.
SPEAKER,
Madras Legislative Assembly.

Fort St. George, Madras,

Dated, 16th October, 1958

I am very happy to learn that the Silver Jubilee of the Madras Football Association will be celebrated in the month of January 1959 and that the National Football Championships for the Santosh Trophy will take place immediately afterwards. I am glad to learn that the Madras Football Association is publishing a Souvenir in this connection.



I am aware of the great work that the Madras Football Association has been doing for the last so many years in the cause of Football in particular. It has endeavoured its best to raise the standard of the game and to inculcate in all players discipline and the spirit of sportsmanship. Not a little of the success of the game in Madras is due to the Football Association, and to its office-bearers. Please accept my hearty congratulations and my good wishes for the future. I am sure that both the Silver Jubilee celebrations and the National Championship Tournament will be a great success.

(Sd.) U. KRISHNA RAU

Maharajah of Patiala

PRESIDENT

Olympic Associa.ion of India.

PATIALA,

27th December, 1958

I send my good wishes on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of the Madras Football Association. I look forward to increasing interest in sports and out-door activity by the youth of Madras.

I hope the tournament played for the Santosh Trophy will be a keenly fought one.

(Sd.) MAHARAJAH OF PATIALA

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Patron :

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

President :

H. R. H. The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., K.T.

Secretary

SIR STANLEY ROUS, C.B.E., J.P.

Telegraphic Address:

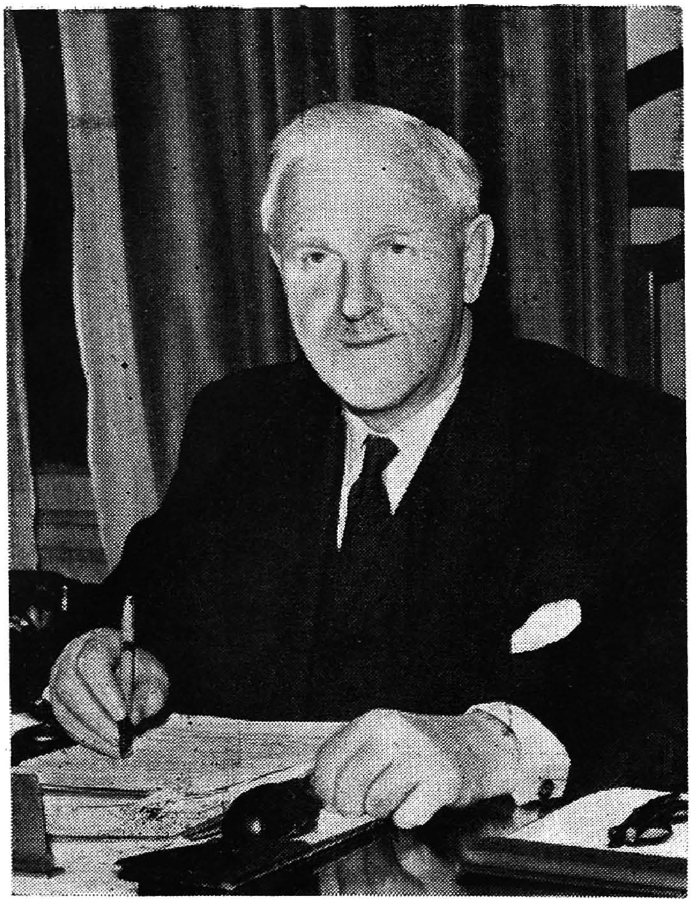
"FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION PADD, LONDON"

22, Lancaster Gate,

LONDON, W. 2.

24th October 1958

It is with much interest that I have been informed that the Madras Football Association will be celebrating its Silver Jubilee in January 1959, and that, in connection with this Jubilee, the A.I.F.F. has entrusted your Association to arrange the National Football Championship for the Santosh Trophy.



During the past few years, it has been particularly gratifying to the F.A. to know that the popularity of our game throughout India is gathering momentum from all parts of your great country. I am frequently receiving reports of progress, and an ever increasing interest in the game. It is therefore a real pleasure for me to send, on behalf of the Football Association, warm greeting and heartiest congratulations to your Association on this important occasion, and to wish you much success in the years ahead.

(Sd.) STANLEY ROUS

K. KAMALAKANNAN
MAYOR OF MADRAS

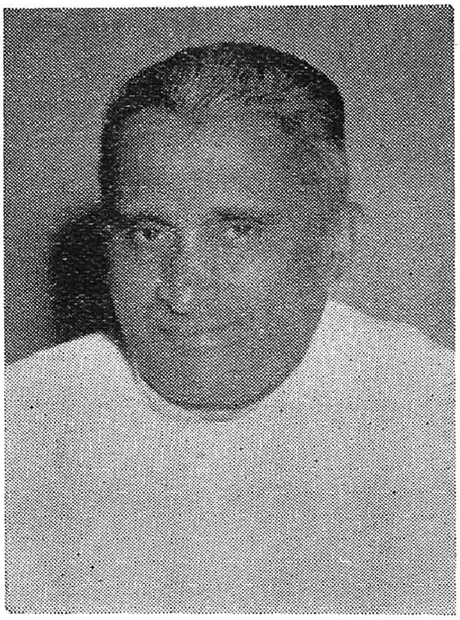
Ripon Buildings,
MADRAS-3
15th December, 1958

My heartiest greetings to the Madras Football Association on the Silver Jubilee. Both by conducting tournaments and encouraging young players to discover their talent the Association has been doing excellant work in the Sporting world. May it increase and extend its service and usefulness in the years to come.

(Sd.) K. KAMALAKANNAN

S. K. PATIL
(Minister of Transport & Communications)

NEW DELHI,
November 7, 1958



I am glad to know that the Madras Football Association is celebrating its Silver Jubilee in January 1959. The Association deserves congratulations on the execellent work done by it during this long period in promoting and popularising football in Madras State and other parts of the Country. On the happy occasion of its Silver Jubilee I wish it greater success. I also send my good wishes for the success of the National Football Championship for the Santosh Trophy.

(Sd.) S. K. PATIL

All India Football Federation

Pankaj Gupta, B.A., M.B.E.
President

CALCUTTA-17
8th October 1958

I am very pleased to learn that the Madras Football Association will be celebrating their Silver Jubilee this year. It is well known to everyone associated with football how much good work Madras Football Association has done for the promotion and development of football not only in Madras but throughout South India. Madras has also produced a number of outstanding footballers. I am also very happy to learn that on this cccasion the Madras Football Association will be bringing out a brochure and I am sure that this brochure will give a correct picture of the activities of the Madras Football Association. I wish the celebration all success.

(Sd.) PANKAJ GUPTA

Indian Football Association (West Bengal)

M. Dutta Ray

Vice-President, A.I.F.F., &
Secretary, Indian Football Association

CALCUTTA-13
24th December 1958

I have great pleasure in extending the Madras Football Association my warm greetings and felicitations on the happy occasion of Silver Jubilee Celebration. I have followed the activities of this Association during all these years and I have appreciated the admirable work done by this Association. Jubilee is an occasion for rejoicing as well as retrospection. I hope the Association will continue to have its useful roll in this branch of sports. I wish this Association many more years service to the sporting public.

(Sd.) M. DUTTA RAY

Rajkumari Amrut Kaur

Member of Parliament, (Rajya Sabha)

2, Willingdon Crescent,
NEW DELHI-4.

14th December 1958

My best wishes to the Madras Football Association for their Silver Jubilee celebrations next month. I hope the National Football Championship will be a great success and that the Madras Football Association have many years of useful service before them for this popular and delightful sport.

(Sd.) RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR

P. V. RAJAMANNAR
(CHIEF JUSTICE OF MADRAS)

MADRAS,
5th November 1958

I am glad to learn that the Madras Football Association will be celebrating its Silver Jubilee in the month of January 1959 and will conduct the National Football Championship for the Santhosh Trophy. It is a very good idea to bring out a Souvenir to commemorate the two occasions.

I congratulate your Association for the good work it has done all these years in the interest of Sport, particularly Football and its attempt to maintain high standards both in the play and in the refereeing. I hope and trust that the Association will continue its activities.

(Sd.) P. V. RAJAMANNAR

Federation International de Football Association

L. K. GASSMANN

ZURICH
4—11—1958

I was very pleased to get the news of the Silver Jubilee of the Madras Football Association.

If one knows how many years of hard work and great efforts are necessary to reach the aim, one can only thank and congratulate all those who were and still are responsible for the administration of the M. F. A. on the occasion of the twenty-fifth Anniversary of their Association. Best wishes, too, for the years to come.

I also wish every success to the National Football Championship for the Santosh Trophy which is to be contested for at the above jubilee celebrations.

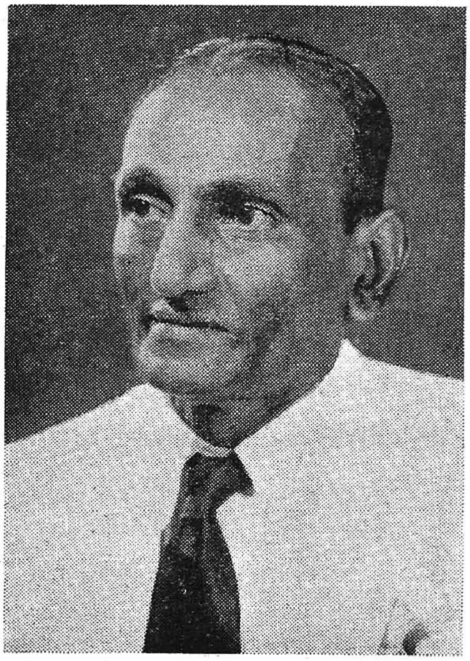
Many thanks again to all those who in the past or in the present have helped in the promotion of association football in India in general and in the Madras Football Association in particular.

(Sd.) L. K. GASSMANN
(General Secretary)

Ceylon Football Association

W. R. Chanmugam
President

COLOMBO-2
15th December 1958



On behalf of the Ceylon Football Association I welcome the opportunity you have afforded in associating ourselves in your Silver Jubilee Celebrations.

We, in Ceylon, have watched with great interest the considerable strides you have made in Madras in fostering and promoting soccer, culminating in the construction of the Corporation Stadium.

May you continue to guide and guard the destinies of soccer in Madras for another Golden Jubilee Celebration.

Wish you all success in your celebration.

(Sd.) W. R. CHANMUGAM

Vice-Admiral R. D. KATARI

(Chief of the Naval Staff)

NEW DELHI

I am very glad to hear that the Madras Football Association will be celebrating its Silver Jubilee in the month of January 1959, followed by the National Football Championship for the Santosh Trophy. I wish the celebrations and the Championship every success.

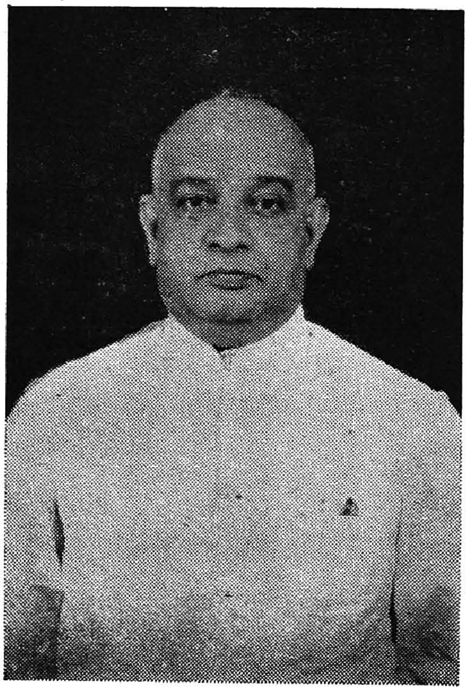
(Sd.) Vice-Admiral R. D. KATARI

Dr. P. V. Cherian

(*Chairman, Madras Legislative Council*)

Fort St. George,
MADRAS

16th October 1958



I am glad to hear that the Madras Football Association will be celebrating its Silver Jubilee in January 1959 and that this will be followed by the National Football Championship for the Santosh Trophy. You have done great and valuable service to the State in so efficiently managing your Association. Silver Jubilee is a great landmark in the history of any institution and I have great pleasure in sending you my best wishes.

(Sd.) P. V. CHERIAN

Maj. Gen. R. K. Kochhar, GOC

(Madras, Mysore & Kerala area)

St. Thomas Mount
MADRAS-16

27th October 1958

I am glad to hear that you will be celebrating the Silver Jubilee of the Madras Football Association in the month of January 1959 and that you will also have the honour of conducting the National Football Championships for the Santosh Trophy.

I am sure, the cream of players from all the States, not to mention the Services, will take part in this event and make the competition keen and interesting.

I send you my best wishes on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee, and my felicitations to the players taking part in the National Football Championships.

(Sd.) R. K. KOCHHAR

Group Captain K. C. SARKAR

Officer Commanding,
Air Force Station, Tambaram

On the occassion of the Silver Jubilee of the Madras Football Association, I send my best wishes and greetings for a prosperous future. May the Association grow from strength to strength and be a model for other Football Associations in India to follow.

During the short time that I have known the Madras Football Association, from what I have seen, the authorities deserve congratulation for conducting its affairs in a most efficient manner.

In Madras State the Association has done more than its share for the promotion of Football and its efficiency is well known to not only those who are associated with it but also those who have had an opportunity to take part in it.

I have not the slightest doubt that the Silver Jubilee Celebrations and the National Championship will be run in the traditional manner which is the hall-mark of the Madras Football Association.

(Sd.) K. C. SARKAR
MADRAS,
27th October 1958

S. Balakrishna Shetty

(Inspector General of Police)

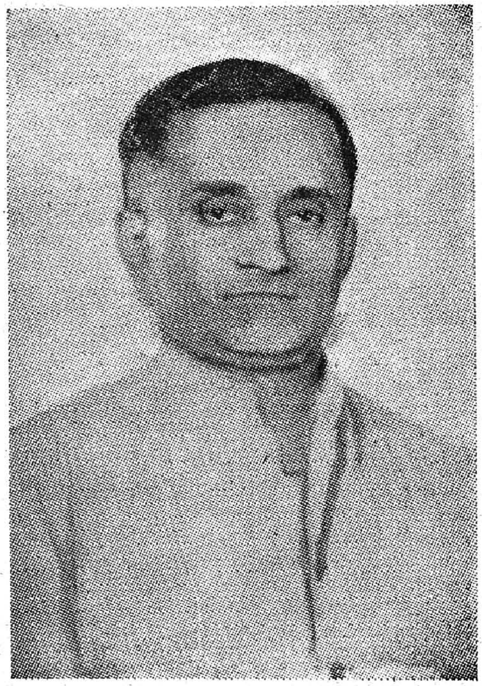
I am very happy to see that you will be celebrating your Silver Jubilee in the beginning of 1959. I am sure that the great effort put forth by the Association as well as individual officers like you, have brought up the standard of football in this State to its present high standard. I have no doubt that with the continued encouragement of the people in this State and the vigorous spade work that is being done by you and other officers of the Association, the future of the standard of the football in this State is assured.

I wish the Association all success.

(Sd.) S. BALAKRISHNA SHETTY

C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN
Barrister-at-Law, M. P. (Lok Sabha)

OOTACAMUND
4th October 1958



I offer my felicitations on this Silver Jubilee to the Madras Football Association. It is a happy augury that the National Championship should be conducted by Madras in her Jubilee year.

South India has produced superb craftsmen in Soccer. The Southern footballers have always been nimble and clever and have distinguished themselves in the various parts of the Country. They have always sought to play the game on and off the field. They have been helped in the maintenance of the best traditions of the game by a well conducted Association. I hope it will be given to us to hold the flag high at all times.

(Sd.) C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN

D. BALASUNDARAM, I.A.S.
Commissioner

Corporation of Madras,
"Ripon Buildings"
MADRAS-3.
26th November 1958

I am glad to know that the Madras Football Association will be celebrating its Silver Jubilee in the month of January 1959 followed by the National Football Championship for Santosh Trophy. It is indeed a matter of pleasure that the Football Association has rendered useful service all these years. May it grow from strength to strength in the years to come and continue to render its service.

(Sd.) D. BALASUNDARAM

The Madras Cricket Association

M. A. CHIDAMBARAM

President

Corporation Stadium
MADRAS-3
12th October 1958

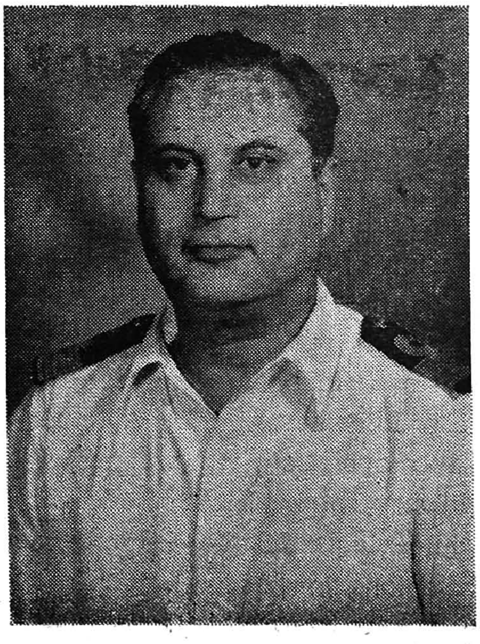
I am very happy to learn that the Madras Football Association will be celebrating its SILVER JUBILEE in the month of January 1959. Twentyfive years of useful existence is indeed a creditable record, which very few associations in the country could boast of. Football is an excellent sport, which not only delights thousands of spectators, but also provides healthy and vigorous exercise to the players. It is a truly international game and I hope it will grow in India and prove as popular a pastime as it is in all the other countries of the world today. I wish the Madras Football Association all success in its endeavours to foster the game in this part of the country.

(Sd.) M. A. CHIDAMBARAM

G. S. KAPOOR

(President)

Services Sports Control Board
A.F.H.Q., D.H.Q.P.Q.,
New Delhi-11
26th December, 1958.



It gives me great pleasure to learn that the Madras Football Association is celebrating its Silver Jubilee in January, 1959 preceding the National Football Championship for Santosh Trophy.

Your Association has done a great deal for the promotion of Football in this country and I have no doubt that in the years to come you will carry on with this good work.

I wish your association the best of luck and all success in the future.

(Sd.) G. S. KAPOOR
Commodore, In President, SSCB

Hyderabad Football Association

SHIV KUMAR LAL
President

Hyderabad District,
5th January 1959

It is gratifying to know that the Madras Football Association is celebrating its Silver Jubilee in the month of January 1959, followed by the National Football Championship for the Santosh Trophy. Madras city has been a great centre of games and sports activities since last few decades, and the Madras Football Association has played a notable part in the field of soccer. I congratulate the Madras Football Association for its achievements in the past and hope it will continue its activities with the same vigour.

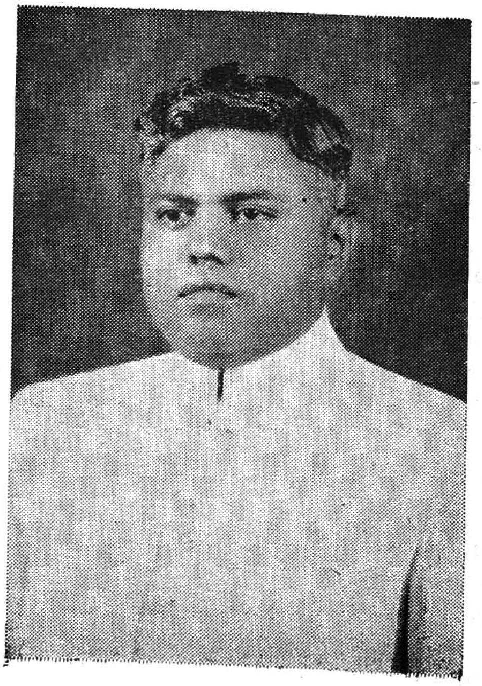
I wish both the functions all success.

(Sd.) SHIV KUMAR LAL

The Madurai District Football Association

D. SANTHOSHAM, M.A., B.L.
President.

MADURAI
8th October 1958



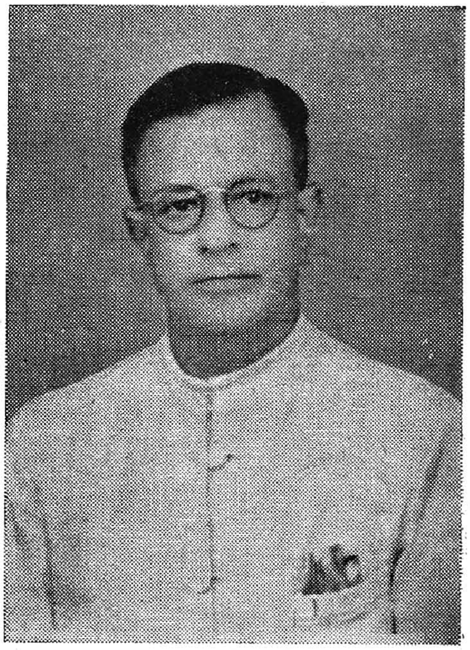
On behalf of the Madurai District Football Association and on my own behalf I have great pleasure in sending our greetings to the Madras Football Association on the occasion of its Silver Jubilee. The Madras Football Association has been a good and kind mother to us and we trust that the Madurai District Football Association has been an affectionate and dutiful daughter bringing credit and good name to both. We hope that through mutual help and co-operation we will grow in strength and stability and very soon achieve the cherished ambition of winning and keeping the Santosh Trophy as the undisputed National Champions in Football.

(Sd.) D. SANTHOSHAM

J. SUBBUSWAMY, M.A., Bar-at-Law, I.A.S.

MADRAS,
28th November, 1958.

Players, the football loving public and the All India Football Federation have good reason to be grateful to the Madras Football Association. From a modest beginning, at the right time and under the right auspices, the Association has persevered in its task of stabilising football in the South and ensuring its future, and thus rendered signal service to the game.



By its carefully drafted rules and its judicious recognition of well established clubs and tournaments, the roving tendency of the players to migrate from club to club in one season and the formation of mushroom clubs each year, which threatened the organised growth of the game, have been adequately checked, even at a very early stage. By the wise policy followed of encouraging affiliated district associations to manage football affairs in the mofussil, control of the game has been co-ordinated and rendered effective. By the formation of a League, which is now run in more than one division, and the institution of the Justice Gentle Cup Tournament for juniors, a fillip was given to the game. Seasoned veterans and new comers were all given ample opportunity to prove their worth on the field.

The staging of representative and All India matches in the city, participation in the Santosh Trophy Tournament, inviting leading teams from outside India to play exhibition games on our fields, sending our teams on tours and providing opportunities for coaching the younger players, continued the good work. Inauguration of an Association Shield Tournament is another land-mark in the progress of the game. Under the parental wing of the Association, the referees have been encouraged to form themselves into an Association and thereby make their contribution to the effective control of the game. Older than the controlling body in India and a founder member of All India Football Federation, the Association has been noted for its staunch support or the Federation in all its constructive and progressive policies.

Thus, the Madras Football Association has many achievements to its credit and a record of which it can be legitimately proud. I congratulate it on its Silver Jubilee and wish the Association many, many years of quiet, useful and fruitful existence.

(Sd.) J. SUBBUSWAMY

A. RAMASWAMI AIYAR

MADRAS-2
15th Dec. 1958

On the happy occasion of its Silver Jubilee I send my felicitations and I hope that for many more years to come it will continue to serve the cause of football in India with fervour and efficiency. I do so with special pleasure as, along with a few others I was privileged to be actively associated with it from its birth to a considerable time thereafter.

(Sd.) A. RAMASWAMI AIYAR

C. RAMASWAMI

20, First Main Road,
Gandhinagar, Adyar,
MADRAS.

13th October 1958

I feel very proud, indeed, that I have been asked to send a message on this very happy occasion of celebrating the Silver Jubilee of the Madras Football Association in January 1959. The significance of this memorable milestone in the life and career of the Association will surely be greatly enhanced and made noteworthy by the fact that the A. I. F. F. had rightly entrusted the conduct of the XV National Football Championship for the Santosh Trophy this year at Madras, which immediately follows the Silver Jubilee Celebrations.

The invaluable virtues which a team game like football instils in the players as well as those who watch the game will, I am sure, be of utmost value in their daily life as it is only such team games that unconsciously infuse the most desirable and essential qualities of human life. The team spirit, mutual co-operation, understanding and sympathies are some of the outstanding qualities which enable the members of a team to reach the goal and these are exactly the qualities which are very necessary for the people of a country or nation to achieve their goal.

I congratulate the Madras Football Association, on the very valuable service rendered during the quarter of a Century. I wish the Association every success in its good work and for keeping up the spirit alive for very many long years to come.

(Sd.) C. RAMASWAMI

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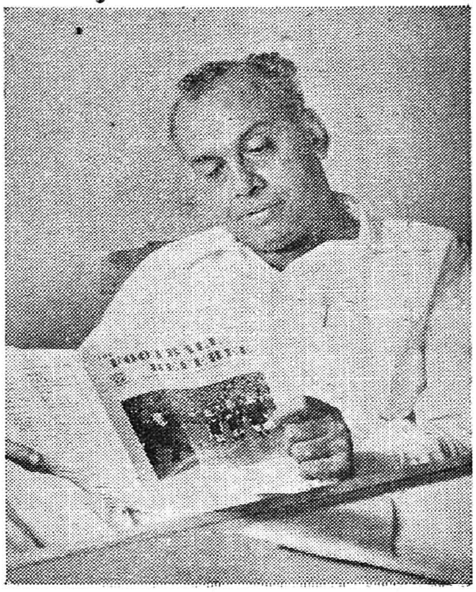


Twenty-five years existence of any organisation, however insignificant it might be, is undoubtedly a great honour. All those who nourished such an Association can really feel proud of.

On this occasion I should not forget my colleagues with the whistles who also played a great part in the development of the game of football in the State of Madras.

I wish the Madras Football Association all success.

(Sd.) C. B. CHATTERJEE.

VICTOR RAE, A.C.C.S.,

President of the London Society of Association Referees, Staines Society and the Malta Society of Association Referees.
(Former Inter-provincial & Football League & Olympic Referee)

LONDON
21st October 1958

I am very glad to send this message of goodwill to the Madras Football Association on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee.

The Madras Football Association has a fine record and I am sure all its supporters will join with me in sending its Clubs and Officials congratulations and best wishes for future successes.

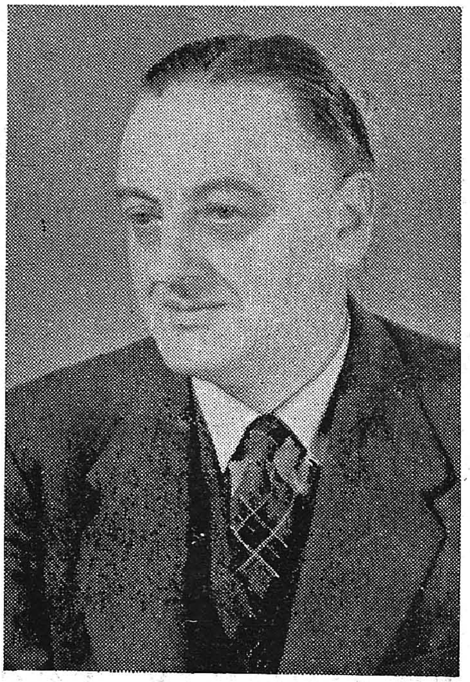
(Sd.) VICTOR RAE

CYRIL JACKSON

(Honorary Editor)

"The Football Referee"

KENT
4th November, 1958



I am very glad indeed to have this opportunity of sending to the Madras Football Association the congratulations of all readers of the "Football Referee" on their reaching this important milestone in their history.

The game of association football cannot prosper unless it is ably controlled by men with understanding and honesty of purpose. So well has the game prospered in India that I am sure the members of your association measure up to this ideal.

No doubt you have yet far to travel but I feel sure that as the days and months and years pass your task, which has undoubtedly in the last 25 years been difficult, will become easier and easier and that by the time you reach your Jubilee the game in India will be as popular as in the Mother Country.

Heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

(Sd.) CYRIL JACKSON

ARTHUR E. ELLIS

May I offer my sincere congratulations to your Association, on the occasion of its Silver Jubilee, during January 1959.

Although we in England are thousands of miles away, we are greatly interested in your football and its administration. Regularly I correspond with referees in various parts of your country, discussing problems on the laws of the game that are beneficial to all concerned.

May I wish you and all the referees of the Madras F. A. continued success and that the National Football Championship for the Santosh Trophy in 1959, will be one that will be remembered for years to come.

(Sd.) ARTHUR E. ELLIS,
F.A. Cup Final and F.I.F.A. International Referee.

THE WESTERN INDIA FOOT-BALL ASSOCIATION

CYRIACO DE SOUZA
PRESIDENT

BOMBAY-1
13th October 1958

It is indeed a privilege to extend to your Association, on behalf of mine, cordial greetings and heartiest congratulations on the occasion of its SILVER JUBILEE.

As a sister Association, with a common affiliation, we have followed with justifiable pride your magnificient exertions in the interest of Soccer in Eastern India.

We sincerely hope that your Association will grow in stature from year to year and continue upholding the fine traditions of football—a game to which we are mutually dedicated and irrevocably wedded.

Good luck and all the best in the years ahead.

(Sd.) CYRIACO DE SOUZA.

U. P. SPORTS CONTROL BOARD

Dr. A. C. CHATTERJI
HONY. GENERAL SECRETARY

LUCKNOW
27th October 1958

I have great pleasure to learn that Madras Football Association is celebrating Silver Jubilee in the month of January, 1959. These celebrations will be followed by the National Championship for Santosh Trophy. I had the occasion to witness the enthusiasm of the Madras Sporting Public on previous occasions, when Cricket Tests and Hockey National Championship were run. I have nothing but admiration for their keenness and good sporting behaviour. I hope they will welcome the National Football Championship with the same enthusiasm. I sincerely wish Madras Football Association many years of good work.

(Sd.) A. C. CHATTERJI.

HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN FOOT-BALL CLUB LTD.

TOMMY WALKER *EDINBURGH-11*

MANAGER & SECRETARY *28th November 1958*

In May 1957, I celebrated my 25 years association with the Heart of Midlothian Football Club, for it was in May 1932 at the age of seventeen that I signed as a Professional footballer for this Club. Be that one thing in common with your associations, I may claim yet a closer alliance, for in the years 1944/46 I had the privilege and pleasure of playing football in India, not only in one town, but in many, and the happier memories may well be connected with my visits to Madras.

Twenty five years as a player and now, Manager/Secretary, may appear a very long time in the game, and yet, I like you, must feel as an infant when we examine some National Trophies and see such dates as, "Established 1882 or 1890" printed thereon. But be-that as it may, I could sense a real feeling of enthusiasm and interest when it was my joy to play in your midst. I can recall quite vividly the erection of a fine stand for the playing of these special games—I remember, too, the warm appreciation of the finer moves of the game, but most of all, I recall your great desire for active participation in the game itself. Your history records that such action is still very much alive and, I, personally, rejoice that that is so for through this medium, I have found, made and kept countless friends; May this also be the experience of your Association and all players who participate therein.

In conclusion please accept my good wishes as you set out upon your Golden Aim and may the approaching Championship be blessed by all that is good and conclude a resounding success.

(Sd.) T. WALKER,

STANLEY MATHEWS *ENGLAND*

Congratulations on your Silver Jubilee. With every good wishes for the future.

(Sd.) STANLEY MATHEWS.

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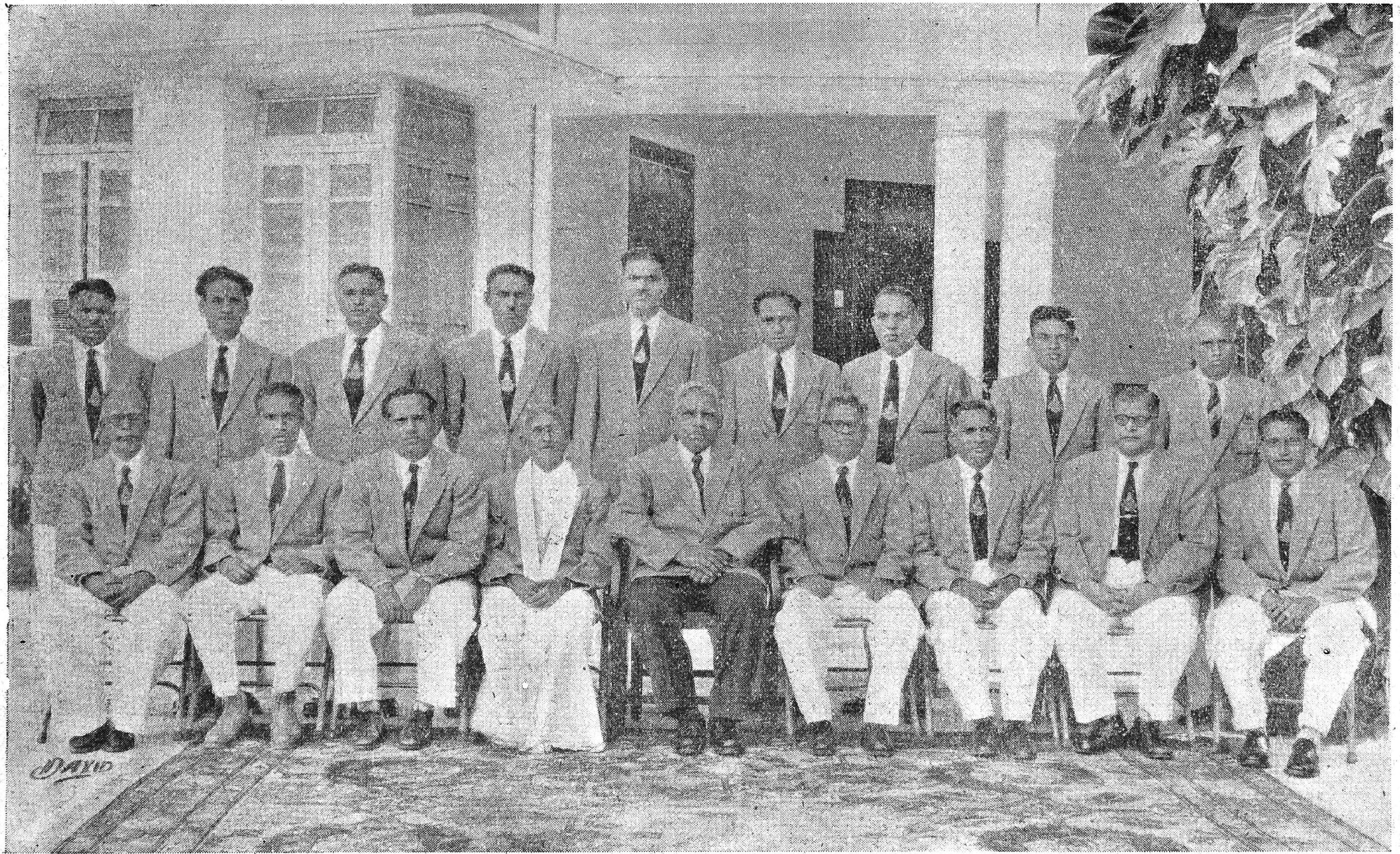

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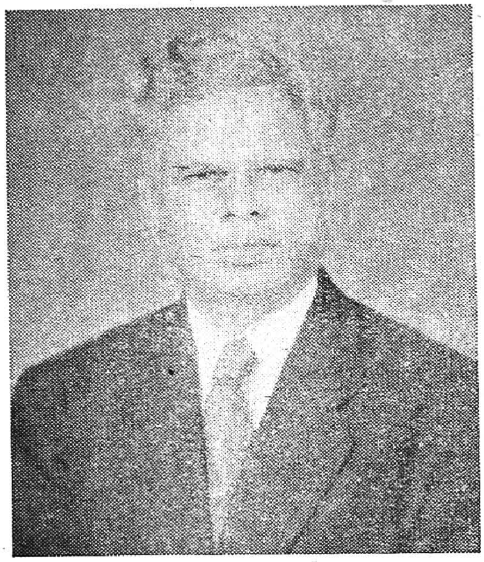

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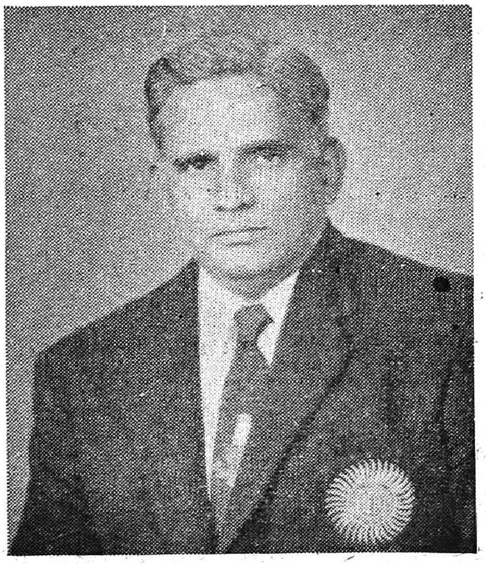

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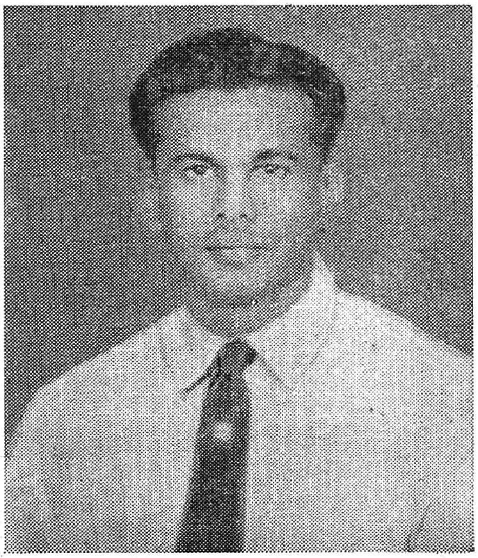

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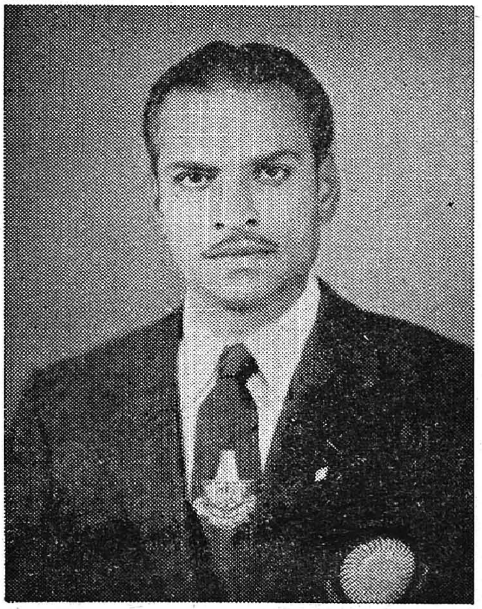

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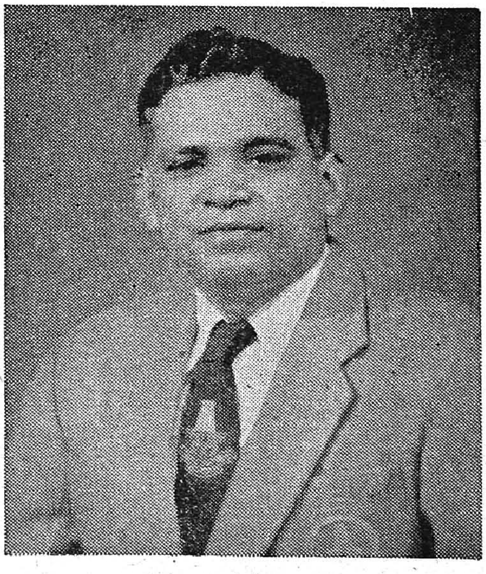

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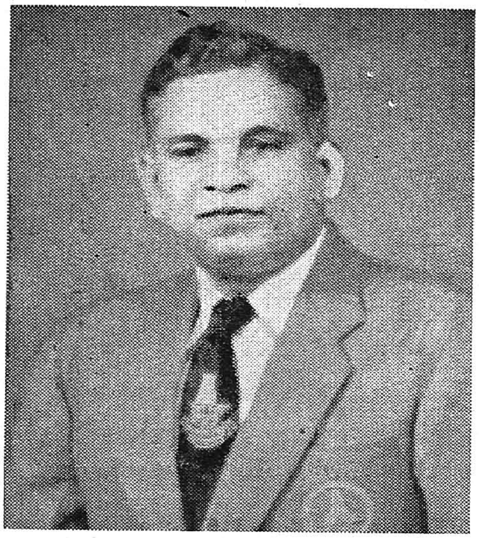

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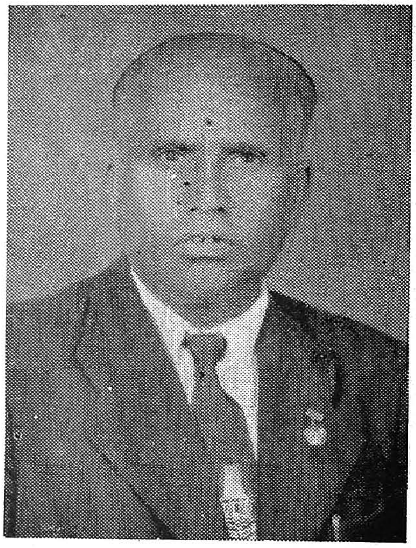

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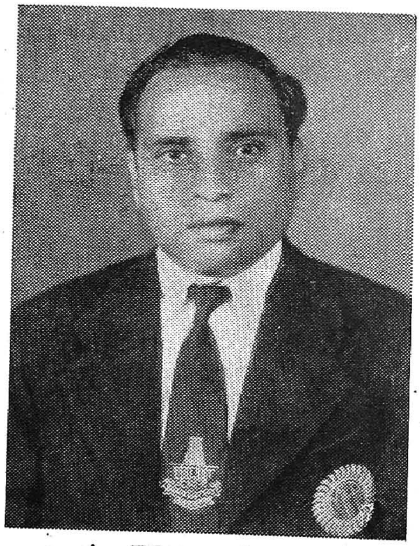

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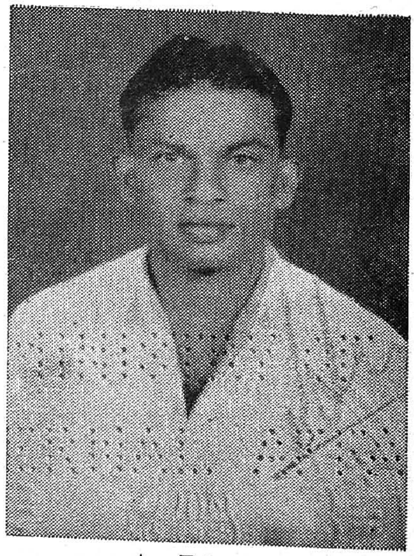

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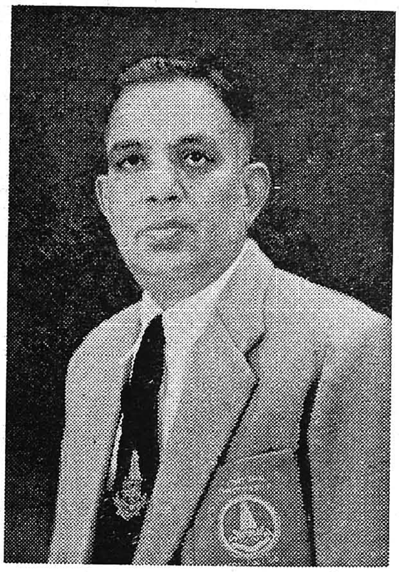

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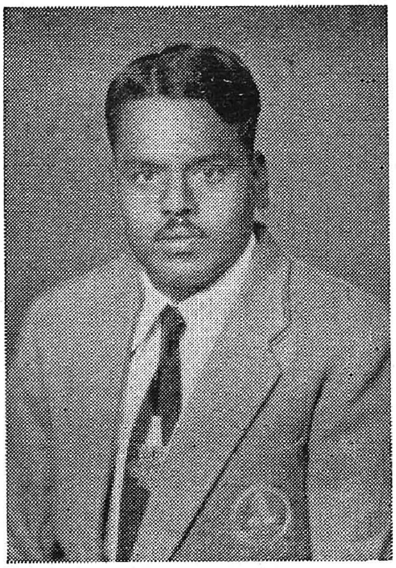

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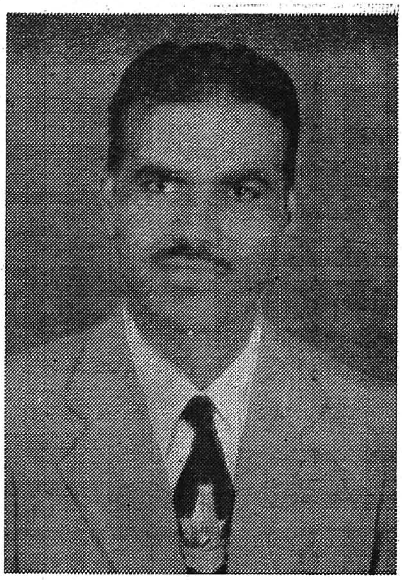

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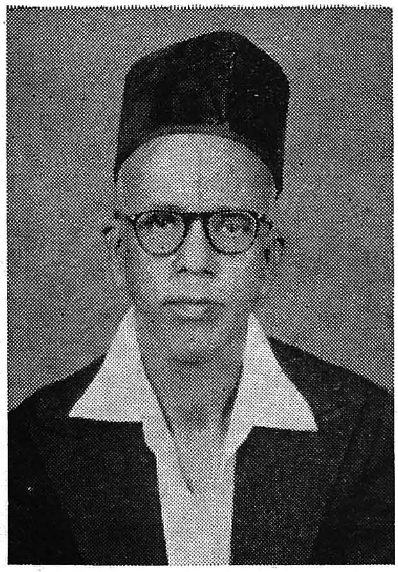

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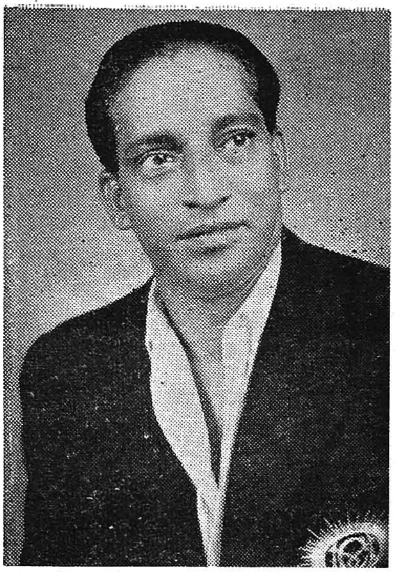

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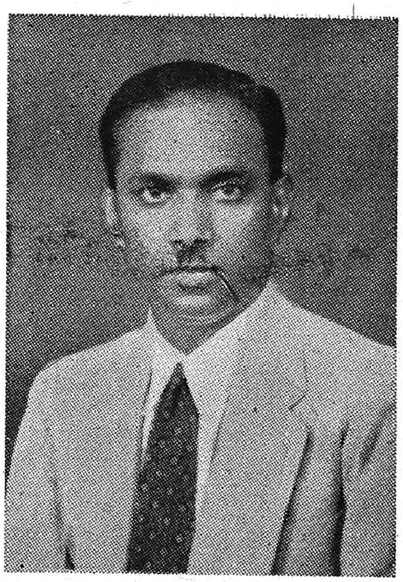

D. W. Eddy

MADRAS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

SILVER JUBILEE AWARDS

On the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of the Madras Football Association, special Silver Jubilee Awards have been conferred on the following persons for their meritorious service to the Association and contribution to the cause of football in the State:—

1. DR. SIR A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIAR,
   B.A., M.D. (Mad), F R.C.O.G. (Eng.), F.A.C S.,
   Vice-Chancellor, University of Madras and
   President of the Association.

2. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO, M.B.B.S.,
   Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly and
   Patron of the Association.

3. SRI S. AUTHIKESAVALU NAIDU,
   Chairman of the Association

4. SRI A. M. KANNIAPPA MUDALIAR, B.A., L.T.,
   Headmaster, Pachaiyayppa's High School, Kancheepuram and
   Vice-Chairman of the Association.

5. SRI N. VITTAL,
   Hon. Secretary of the Association.

6. SRI P. N. RAMACHANDRAN, B.A.,
   Hon. Treasurer of the Association.

7. SRI P. V. MUTHUKRISHNAN,
   One of the founders of the Association and
   a member of the present Executive Committee.

8. SRI A. RAMASWAMI IYER, B.A., B.L.,
   The first Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Association.

9. SRI J. SUBBUSWAMI, Bar-at-Law, I.A.S.,
   The Architect of the Association.

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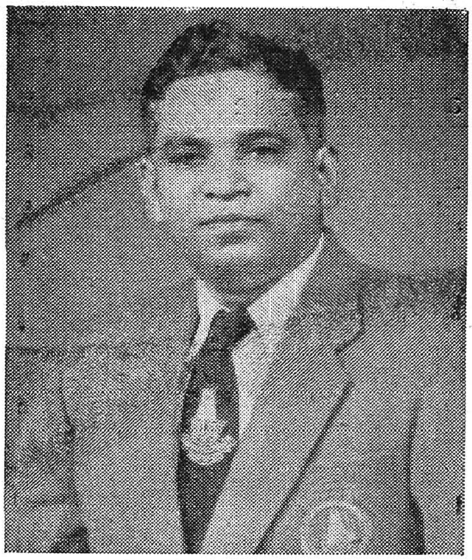

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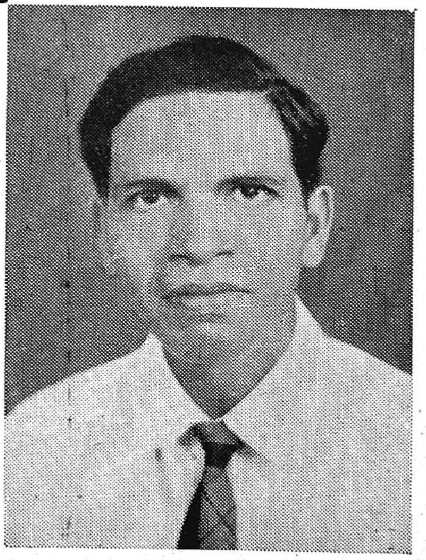
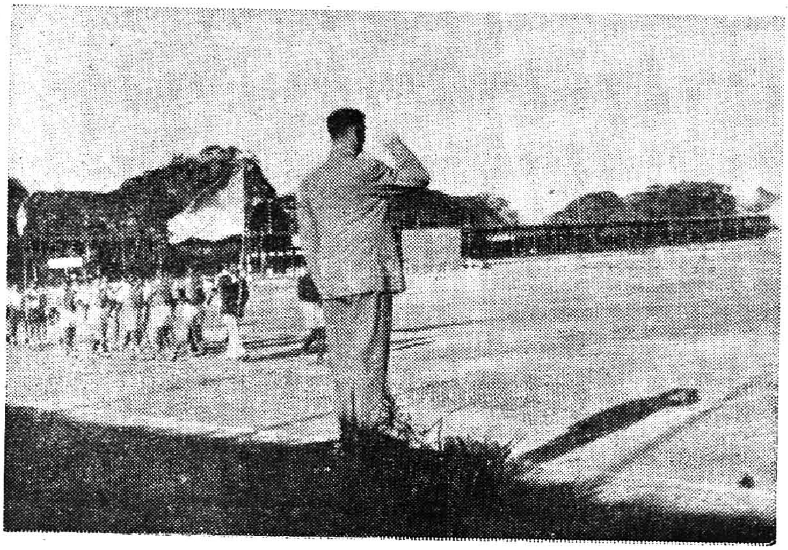
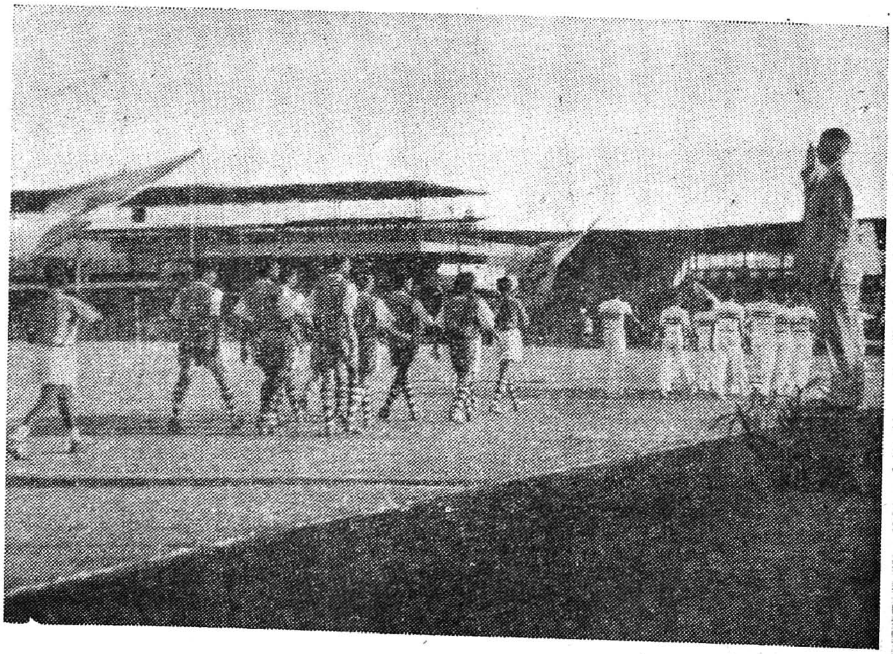


G. Govindaraj

Silver Jubilee Celebrations

The Silver Jubilee was celebrated in a grand scale at the Corporation Stadium, Madras, many of the member clubs participating. Following are some of the pictures taken on the occasion.

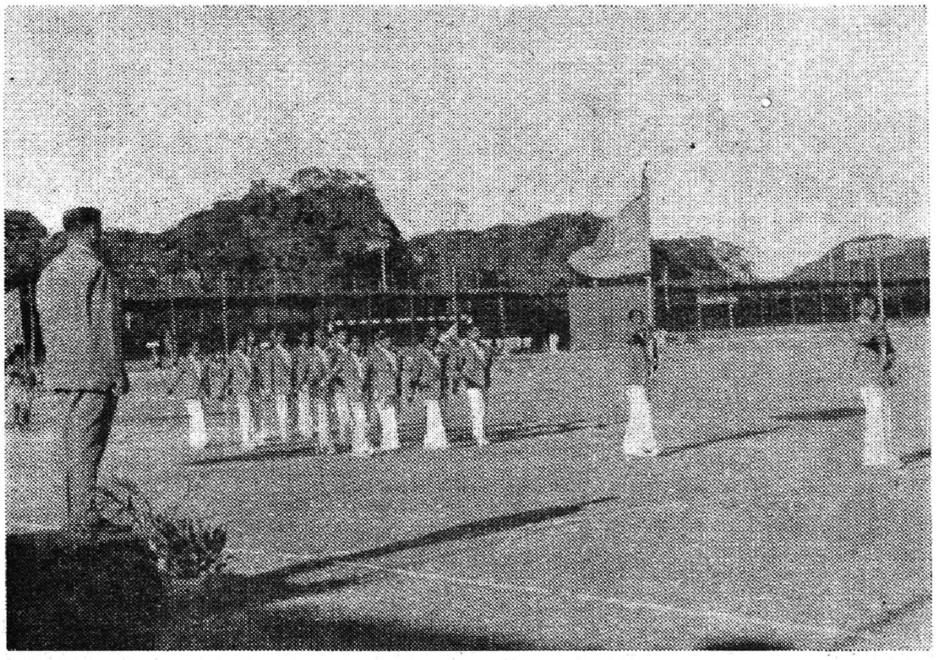


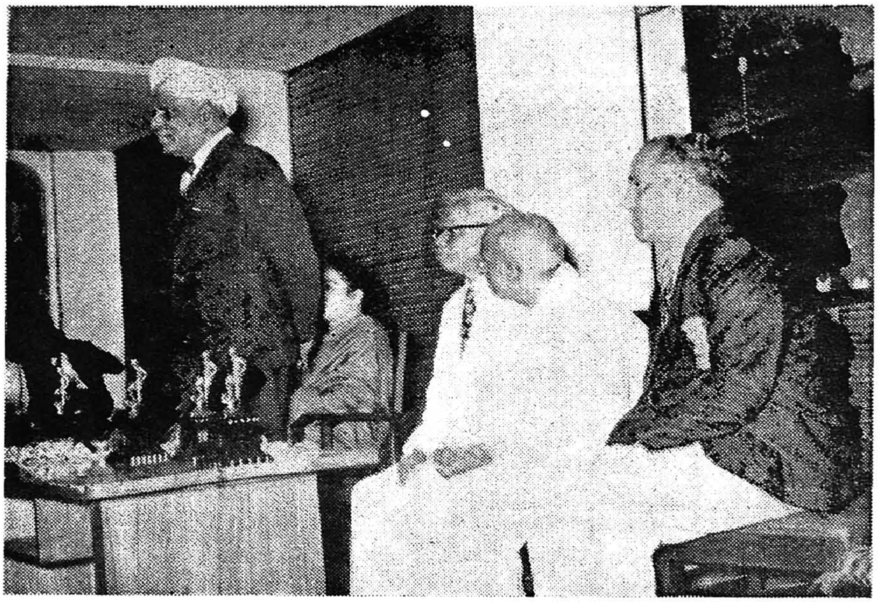


March past of the member clubs and Maj : Gen : R. K. Kochhar taking the Salute.

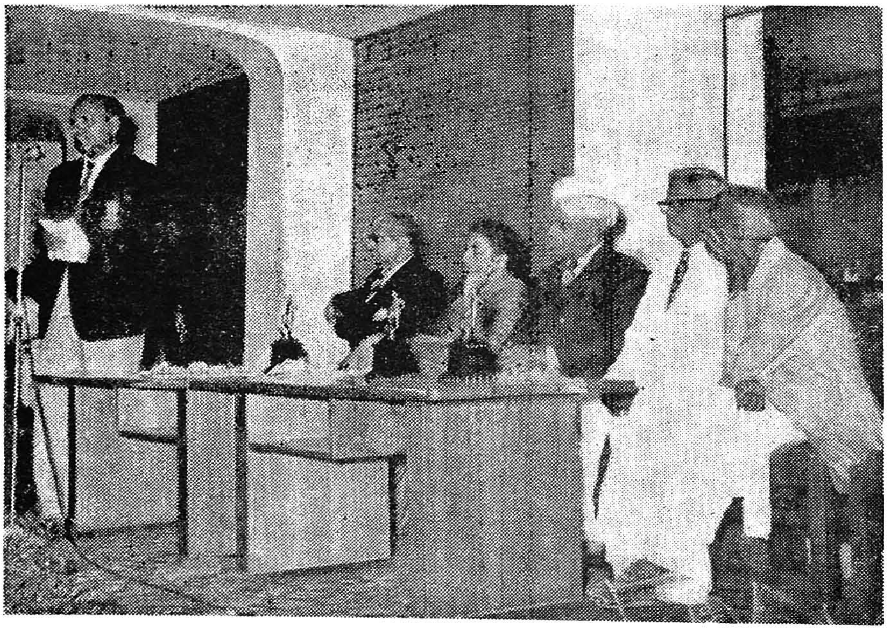
Prizes were awarded to the best three teams in the order of merit in the march past. The winners were :—

First—Royapuram Y. M. C. A. (*above*); Second—I. C. F. (*below*) and Third—Sporting Union





On the concluding day the President Dr. Sir A. L. Mudaliar speaking (*above*) **and the Secretary Sri N. Vittal, proposing the vote of thanks** (*below*).



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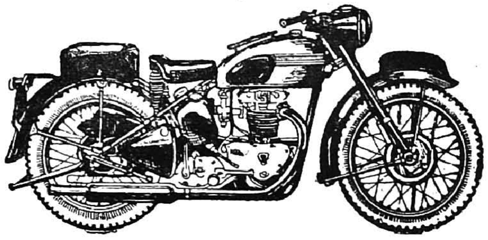

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by

WALTER HOLTON

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It is said that the Romans brought this game to Britain, using a light ball, a blader filled with air and covered with a thin skin of leather. For many years the game was played in the Roman manner, only the hands beings used. Then some players began to use their feet. Perhaps their arms grew tired, or they found they could kick a ball further than they could throw it. Anyway, they used their feet as well as their hands, and so a new game had been introduced, which was called "football". But there is no record that it was ever played in any other country except Britain.

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But those old games were very rough, and a Frenchman who watched one said, "If Englishmen call that playing, what would they call fighting?"

Football was played all over England and Scotland, and became so popular that some kings of England tried to stop it as so many young men preferred football to practising archery. They could not do this, however, and it was not until the 17th century that it began to decline.

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boys if proper rules were drawn up. That was done: the first rules of the game as it is known today were made, and associations were formed to see that they were carried out. Football became a game of skill, hardihood and quickness, the player learning to play for his team and not for himself.

Most boys in Britain play football at school, and if they do not continue to play, they follow the game when their schooldays are over. During World Wars I and II wherever the British troops went they took their footballs, and even in the hottest climates they would not be denied a "kick about" with a ball. On one occasion, after heavy fighting, an English regiment captured an enormous concrete gun foundation. "What a football pitch!" was their first thought, and within an hour or so they had marked it out for a game.

Visits to India

Britain's passion for the game has spread to other lands. Most European countries now have football clubs, and their best teams have visited Britain to play matches. Players from Britain, too, have gone to those countries, and to some otherlands such as the Argentine, India, Mexico and Egypt, to show how football should be played. Those who have learned the game recently are becoming excellent players, and Britain's footballers have to work very hard to beat them.

Britain's finest players, of course, are to be found in the professional teams. The names of these teams are household words, and the players are the heroes of most British boys. It is by watching those players that you can see how skill can be developed by much practice and careful thought. As one player remarked: "You have to play the game with your head in more senses than one".

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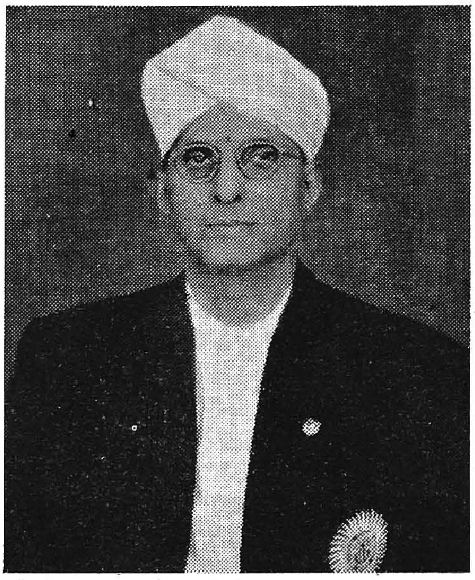


by

A. M. Kanniappa Mudaliar, B.A.,L.T.

Vice Chairman, Madras Football Association

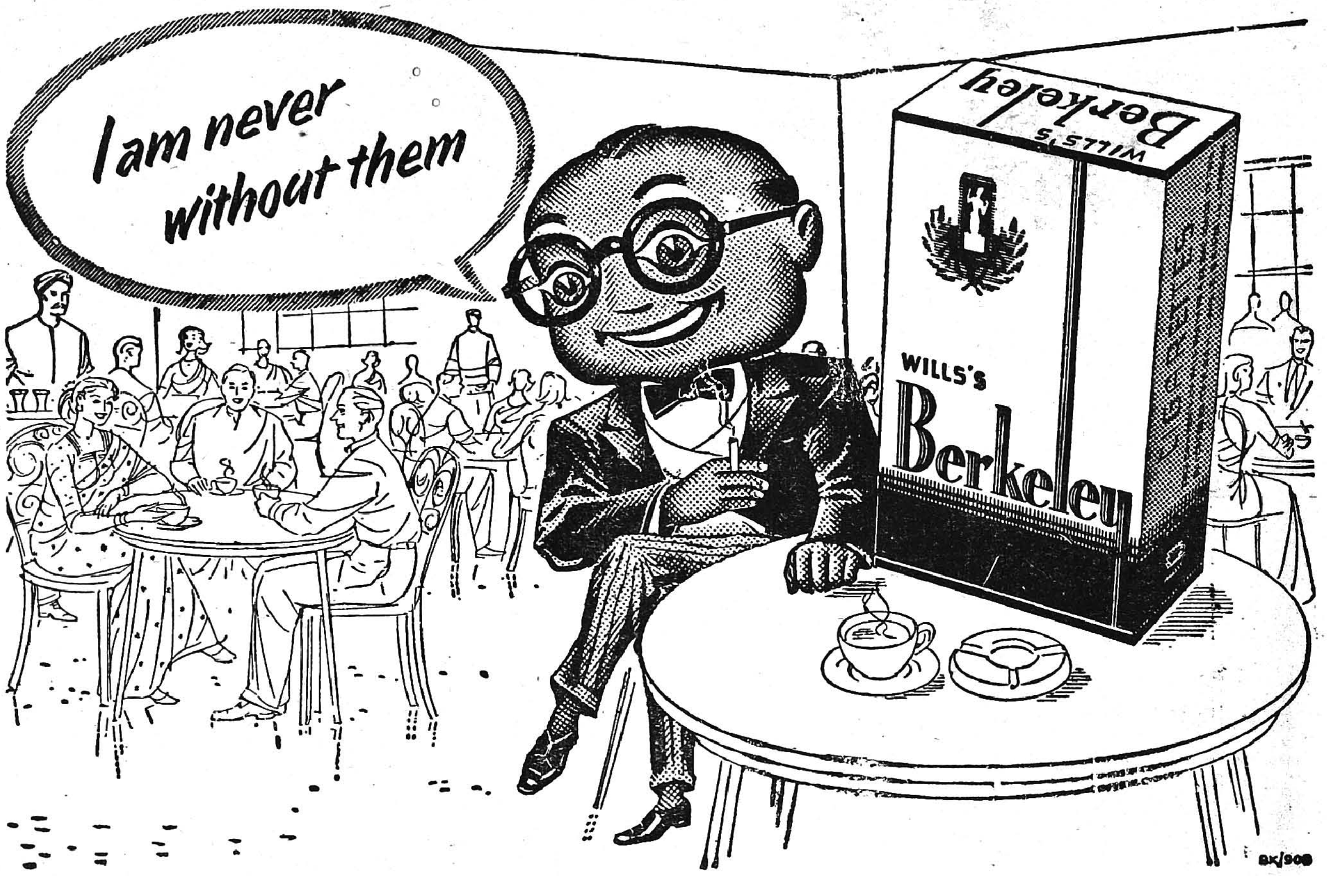
Is a footballer born or made? This is a poser worth the consideration of any one interested in the game. It is true, that among the many that take to football, very few shape well and one or two attain distinction. With the same training and with equal opportunities their attainments vary. Each player has a distinctive feature and plays a type of game different from every other's. This is a phenomenon that is noticed in other aspects of human life as well. No two faces agree, no two voices are similar; similarly no two footballers produce the same type of game. There is at least one feature which distinguishes one from the rest. This phenomenon cannot escape our notice and leads us to conclude that a footballer is born and not made. We say that a player must have the natural talent in him to covet the admiration of not one or two but thousands and thousands.

Does it mean then that all the training, all the coaching and all the technique that we speak of are of no value? It is seemingly so, if we pursue the above line of argument to its logical conclusion. Let us concede for the present that a child has a particular talent. But if the child should shine, the particular talent must be drawn out. The special talent in the child must be exercised, and situations must be created to develop the talent. Lack of opportunities kills the talent. It is this truth that has inspired the English poet, Thomas Gray, to write the popular and oft-quoted lines,

> Full many a gem of purest ray serene
> The dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear;
> Full many a flower is born to blush unseen,
> And waste its sweetness on the desert air.
> Some village Hampden, that, with dauntless breast
> The little tyrant of his fields withstood,
> Some mute inglorious Milton here may rest,
> Some Cromwell guiltless of his country's blood.

If we now re-examine the question, "Is a footballer born or made?", we are compelled to admit that a footballer is both born and made. In other words what makes one a great footballer is one's talent plus training. Talent without training never shines.

There are some who hold the view that it is all luck that brings a player to prominence and that Fortune is often



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blind. But Fortune is not so blind as men are. It is on the side of the hard-working people. Great men relied not on Fortune but on hard and untiring work.

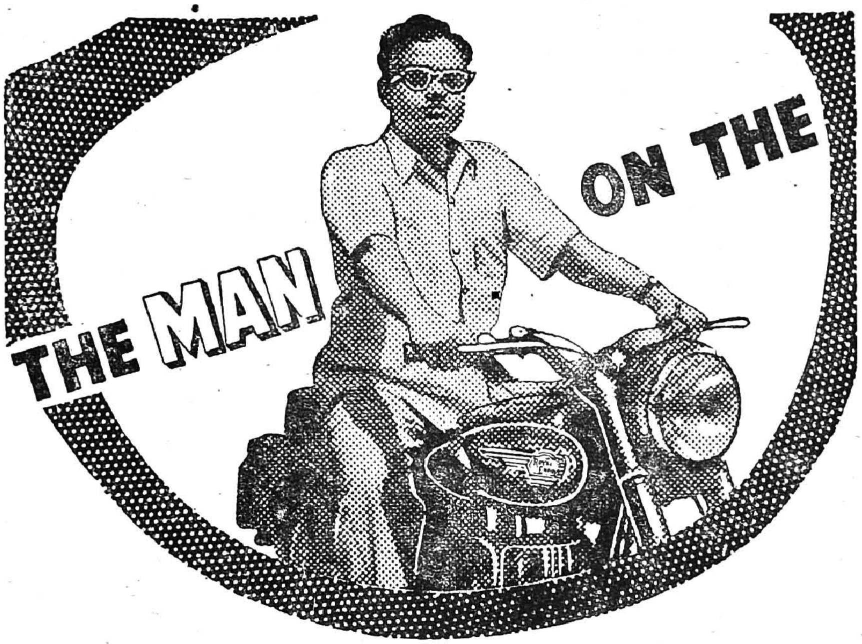
From the foregoing discussion it is clear that any one who has natural instinct for football must rise to fame only by patient work. He may have the talent for football but hard work lies a-head of him to reach the top.

The next question is who is to discover the talent in an individual and where is he to receive the necessary training. The school is the proper place where this talent can be easily discovered and given proper exercise. In the present educational set-up all boys are given opportunities to play all games. They have equal opportunities to show their talents. This is where the great responsibility of spotting out the talent devolves on the Physical Education Teacher. Apart from his other responsibilities he must feel that it is a sacred responsibility to discover the talent. Any apathy on his part will miss the chance of discovering a talent. Such a teacher is doing a disservice to the boy, to the institution and to his country. Hence the proper place to discover the talent is the school, and the Sports Secretary or the Physical Education Teacher is the only person who should discover this talent.

What generally happens in most of the schools is that on the eve of the Inter-School Competition boys select themselves and present a list of players to the Physical Education Teacher. The likes and dislikes of the captain play a prominent part in deciding the team. Such a combination cannot be called a team. A team must be built up and every player must deserve the place he fills. This is possible only when the Physical Education Teacher takes a personal interest in the work and directs and controls the game daily watching the game of every individual and studying the merits and defects of each. This is no doubt an arduous task but it is well worth doing for a noble cause.

If I may strike a personal note, my experience in this respect may be cited in this connection. I had the good fortune to be Sports Secretary of the Pachaiyappa's High School, Madras, from 1928 to 1939. I was not a good player in my days but my heart was there in the work I undertook. It was the turning point in the sports history of the school. Victories after victories were recorded in all branches of sports. Football was a speciality and the school asserted its supremacy in the game. The school team was too good for the Inter School competition. It began to participate in open competitions by gradually bringing in some of the past players of the school. The team was a mixture of the past and the present and the training they had and the team spirit they developed enabled them to record their glorious victory in the Gymkhana Tournament in 1933 which was not a little responsible for the revival of Madras Football.

What was this ascendency to fame due to? It was due to patience and perseverance and the severe training to which the players subjected themselves. In the course of four years a sub-junior after going through the various grades in school would be ready for the open competition. He would be thirsting for a chance and when the chance came to him he would acquit himself creditably. This could not have happened without the severe training they had all the year round. The practice game was controlled and directed. New techniques were taught everyday. I would be watching the game from the side line and after the game was over the players would



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collect round me. I used to discuss the day's game with them pointing out their merits as well as defects. Thus every game was a purposeful game and thus a high sense of discipline was instilled in them. What was impressed on them was that their basic ideals were that without discipline nothing could be achieved and that they should play the game not for victory but for the pleasure and satisfaction they derive therefrom.

All this was possible for me because they were school boys of 14 to 18 years of age. It was easy for me to fashion their game and mould their character. It is therefore my plea that talents should be discovered early and this is possible only in schools where boys are young. It may therefore be unhesitatingly affirmed that the school is the nursery of football and the young footballers must be nurtured with meticulous care. If every school could do this there can be no dearth of football players and the school authorities should feel that what they do in this respect is a worthy contribution to their country.

I am sure I am going to be criticised by others that I am talking theory. Yes, I am fully conscious that it is not an easy task. It means sacrifice of time and energy. Then who will be dedicated to this great task? It is too much to expect the Physical Education Teacher to do this. The complicated work of maintaining a number of registers and records to satisfy the Inspecting officers, the organisation of physical education classes under none too satisfactory conditions, the maintenance of accounts in accordance with the departmental proceedings which are sometimes confining and confusing, are taxing enough to damp his enthusiasm for any kind of extra work. To add to this, there is, the perennial problem of making both end meet with the doleful scale of pay, (45—2—75). This is really the crux of the problem and the sooner it is solved, the better for the country.

Yet I maintain that the school is the nursery of football and the real feeder for great teams.

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by

WILLY MEISL.

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There were many hard matches among the 35 played during the three weeks of the championship, and at the start it looked as if the "tackle-'emhard" and "get-struck-in" brigades would carry the day as the casualty lists grew longer. But in the end, fine football beat brute force, brain beat brawn; and it is comforting to know that the teams on which the smaller fry can model their soccer for the next four years will be those who played the best football-Brazil, the outstanding example, and the three other semifinalists, France, Sweden and West Germany.

Collectively and individually, these teams proved the justification of what Sir Stanley Rous, Secretary of the English F.A., said before the final: "There is no substitute for skill."

The Brazilians played foot-ball near perfectly. Every man was a virtuoso, but none played solos to the gallery for his own gratification. Every move was made to assist the team, to add a stone to the wonderful mosaic they were creating together.

Their defence was the strongest in the tournament, and in reserves De Sordi and Djalmar Santos they had a pair of full-backs sound in the world only to first choices Oreco and Nilton Santos Bellini was a master "stopper" at centre half, out-classing even Sweden's Bengt Gustavasson and England's Billy Wright. The wing halves dominated their opponents and although Orlando on the left had various partners in Dino, Zozimo, and Zito, they worked always in unison, not only with one another, but with the full-backs and forwards.

Every task, in defence or attack, was done quickly, but with such ease that they never appeared to be hurrying. Because what they were doing came naturally to them; every player appeared relaxed and at ease—the sure sign of maestros at work.

One of the Brazilians' secrets was that they could control the ball with almost any part of the body, from head to heel. They stopped it dead in the air; rolled, kicked or headed it with consummate ease: stroked it, drove it, made it fly, run, stop and swerve. They could shoot like cannons, but being artists, they followed instinctively the old recipe: "Play football; the goals will come by themselves!"

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I shall never forget a goal scored by 18-year-old inside-left Pele in the final, when he caught a high pass with the inside of his right-foot, lobbed it over a Swedish defender, flashed round him and sheer beauty and speed of the move volleyed the falling ball into the net. The

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threw even Swedish spectators into a frenzy of joy.

The four strongest teams reached the semi-finals, and their order of finishing—Brazil, Sweden, France, Germany—roughly reflected their relative strength. But Brazil were so superior that I dare say they could have reached the final, and probably won, with their 2nd XI—and I have no doubt that another two dozen players of similar calibre were left at home.

Inside-Forward Didi was the master-mind of the tournament: better than Hungary's Puskas and Hidegkuti of around 1953. Nilton Santos was a Hap-good-plus, and right-winger Garrincha, a 23-years-old Matthews, showing the ball again and again, to the defender until the latter could no longer resist a tackle—and that was the moment for Garrincha to flash past with the acceleration of a Ferrari.

Italian football financiers were prepared to pay £80,000. for centre-forward Mazzola, but for Brazil he was a reserve. Pele is a perfect performer, although still a boy, and outside-left Zagalo, also among the best, though almost inconspicuous among the Brazilian constellation.

Team-manager Vincente Feola was the master-mind behind them all, and the morale-builder these Brazilians have lacked on previous big occasions. I do not think Feola prescribed tactics; he simply nominated those of his 22 players best suited to the job he had in mind. He "reconnoitered" in the group matches against Austria and England, playing "defensive" Joel on the right wing, reserve Mazzola in the centre and De Sordi for the injured Oreco at right-back. Against Russia, he decided the time had come for all-out attack, with Garrincha at outside-right and Vava in the middle. Result: the most explosive opening two minutes of any match.

Garrincha swept the heavy-weight Russian defence off its feet. In the first 72 seconds a goal was scored and he and Vava had thundered shots against the woodwork. For the remainder of the game they danced a soccer samba round the Russians. They won 2-0—but I believe they could have scored six times had they needed to do so.

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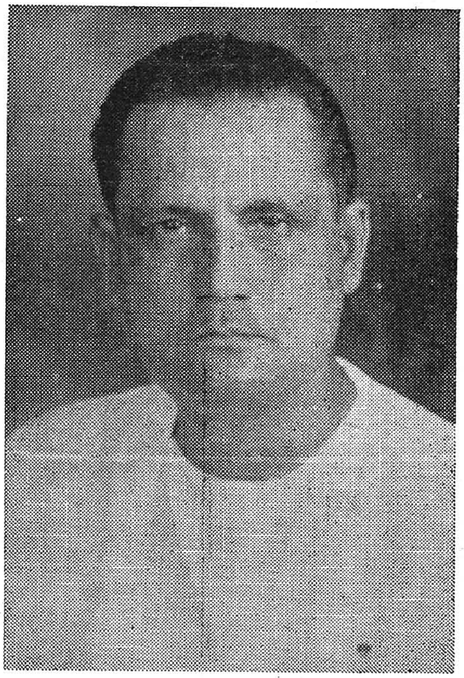

What is Lacking in Indian Football?

by

M. DUTTA RAY

Sports is instinctive and intuitive with people. They are born so. In the cradle, they make spontaneous movements of hands and feet which, for their rhythm, should be considered as the first rudiments of sports. Thus sports is essentially an expression of life and is living.

The specialists, however, are always few in all spheres of life. It is not different in sports. But because love of sports is so inherent in all men and women, one finds such a universal appeal for sports. There are people who feel that sports has now an exaggerated importance in our social set up. I should beg to differ with them. Britain goes crazy over a Cup Final or an Anglo-Australian Test. The Americans follow a Base-Ball tie or a Louis-Woodcock fight over the net-work of radio and the Press. Other nations too are sports intoxicated and we share this love of sports with the rest of the world. All could not be wrong. The objectors could not be wise and many otherwise. It is rather the other way about.

Sports now is a religion. It has built up its own tradition and has made its own contribution to the building of national character. Take it or leave it, sports now is a weapon of great power.

This brings me from the general to the particular and from the international to the national scene. A full heart, they say, has no language. My heart is full of love for sports and specially for football. That is why, though I am proud to serve the game, I speak so seldom about it.

There appears to be a feeling of smug satisfaction, even in responsible circles, that enough has been done for our football. You can never do enough for a thing you love. And this brings me to my first suggestion that people connected with the administrative side of football must have genuine love for it. They must think football, dream football and live for football. Looking after football, or any game for the matter of that, cannot be like the work of a Director of a

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company who just sits in a meeting to give his directives and decisions. Unfortunately genuine love for the game is almost absent in our set up which is crowded with people who make it a business of being in the management of all sorts of games. No game can thrive under such circumstances and, if our football is stunted to-day, it is because the game has been pining for that loving touch.

But how should one assess this factor of love? Well, one of the easiest tests would be to realise that loving all is loving none. This is not intended as a personal reflection but it stands to reason that those who are here, there and everywhere and in all sorts of games are there not so much for the sake of the games as for their own sake. But we could also apply a better and more rigid and reasonable test to this matter. It should be made the minimum essential that none who has not been a player himself should be an administrator in that particular game. It is not necessary that the men concerned should be star players. But it is absolutely necessary that they should have been out in the middle. Nobody can be a player unless he has a genuine love for the game and, if such people alone come into the administration, they will bring to the game all their love for it together with their knowledge of the technique and needs of the game.

In our country, however, things are absolutely different. Whether it be in the All-India sphere or in the State sphere, you will find very few people in the administration who could claim to be players themselves. Unless this vital change is introduced in the selection of the administrative personnel, I am afraid, our football will never attain its rightful stature. I have travelled throughout the world and had an opportunity to see the football set-up in all those places. I have seen it in England, in France, in the Far East in all places of Central Europe and in Russia. Nowhere have I seen anyone at the helm of affairs who has not been some sort of a footballer in his days. There football is guided by experts; here by all sorts of people, and the difference is there for all to see.

My experiences in Indian Football have made me humble and enabled me to realise how much still remains to be done for our football. The sad fact must be acknowledged that Indian football has but a back seat in the international scene. We are much below the world standard. We should therefore take a sacred vow that we must serve this national game in such a manner as may bring us international honour through it. Otherwise, it must be admitted that we are not playing the game.

My long and intimate association with the game in India and my experience of international football have convinced me that our football set-up as well as the technique of our game should be drastically revised if we must make the grade. The shape of things to come must be viewed with a progressive mind and then action taken to implement them. I have given the matter a good deal of thought and shall offer certain concrete suggestions which I hope will be accepted in the proper spirit and given due consideration.

It may be said in this connection that one of the reasons why Indian football has not benefitted to the extent expected from its various tours abroad is that the officials who govern football knew so little themselves about the game. Otherwise their impressions and experiences might have been introduced into Indian football a long time ago. It may not be out of place here to mention that though

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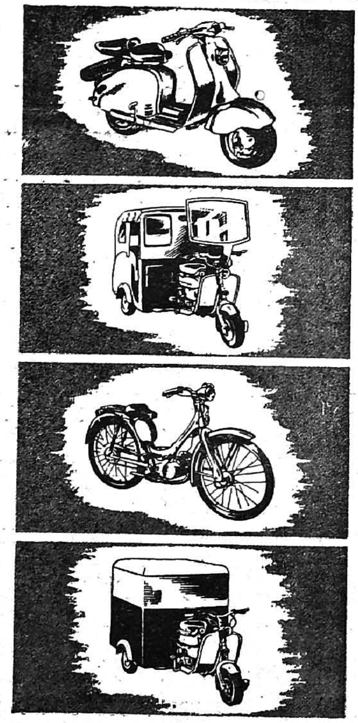

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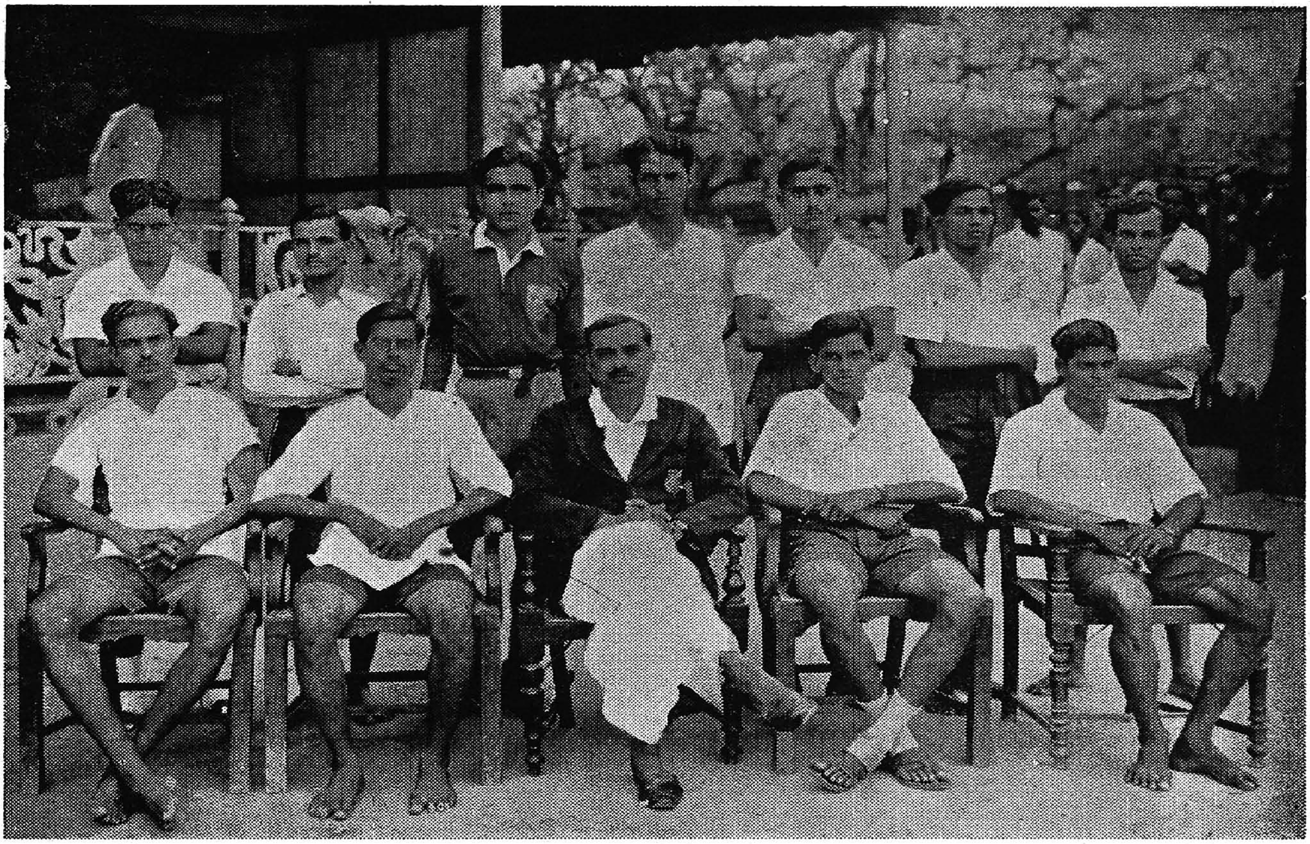

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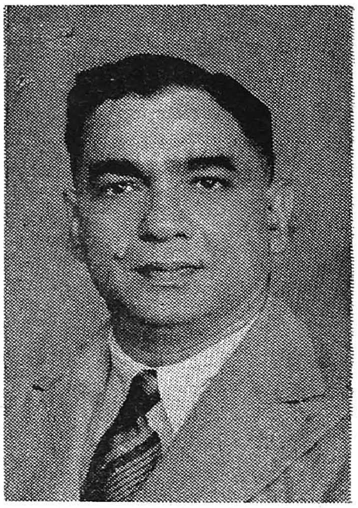

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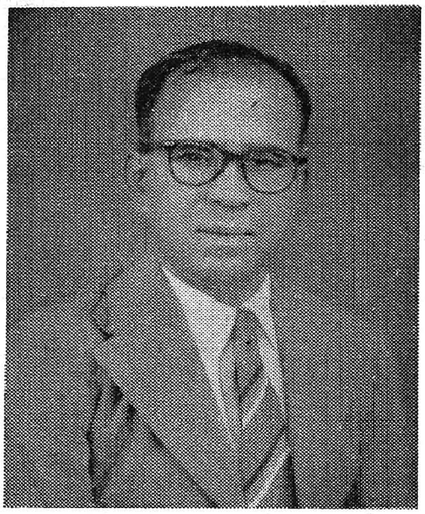

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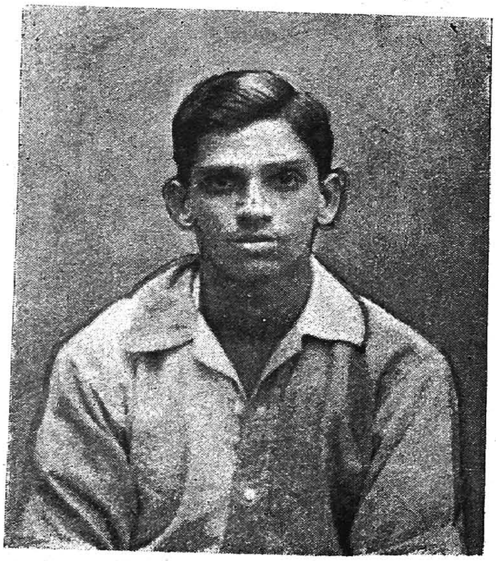

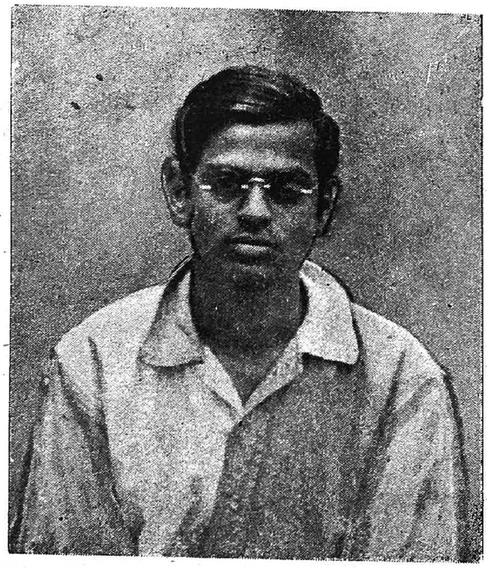

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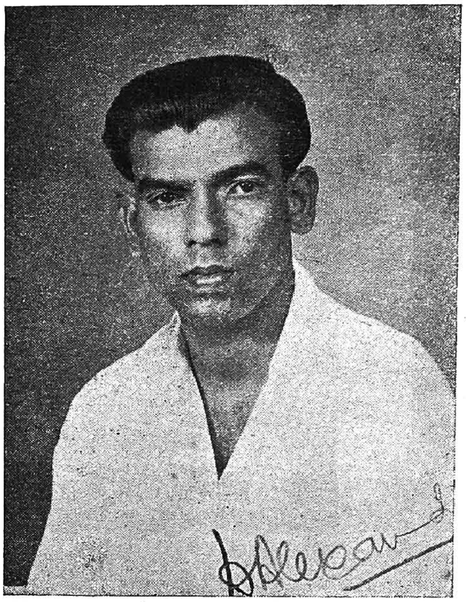

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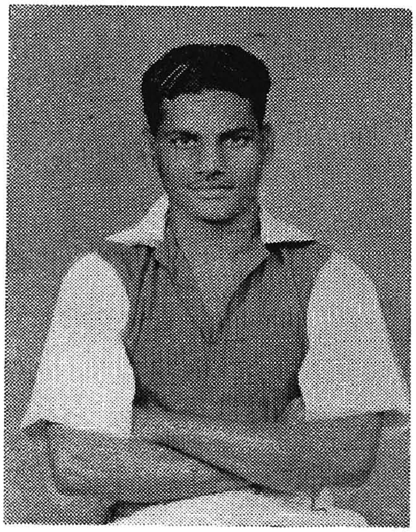

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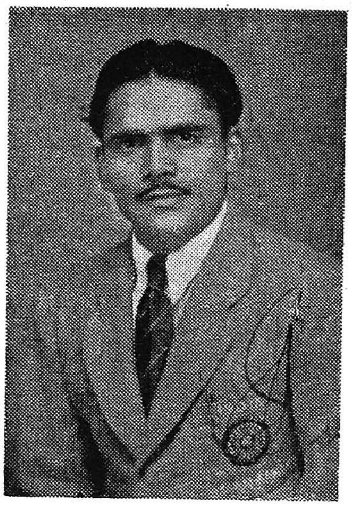

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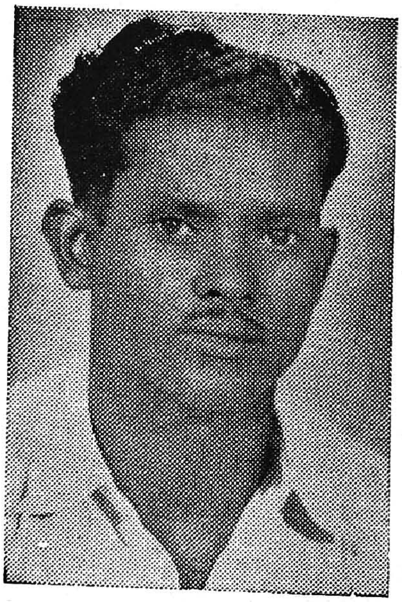

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AN APOLOGIA

Sorry, due to pressure on space, we are unable to furnish to the readers particulars as to "Who is Who?" of the above stars. We however, feel that once you "meet" their familiar faces on these pages, their meritorious performances would flood your memory in a flash, perhaps rendering our reference (had we done so) rather stale.

we had competed in the London Olympiad and in a World Cup series, we could not introduce booted football in India before the year 1955. It was actually after my return from Helsinki that I had made a statement at the All-India Football Federation meeting that bare-footed football was one of our greatest handicaps. Having been out in the middle, I realised that many of our players were afraid of injuries and had hesitation at each and every step during tackling by the opponents. I impressed on the A.I.F.F. that "boot-ball" must be the order of the day and it was at my suggestion that bare-footed football was completely banned.

What has been said above might cause some surprise in the mind of the readers. They are used to seeing our players match their bare-feet skill against booted opponents. And it is quite likely that they might not have noticed any feeling of hesitation on the part of our players in locking their men. This is true in a large measure about football in India, but, being a player myself, I realised immediately that things were diffeferent in England and in the Continent. In India, most of our matches are played on the maximum size ground which gives our players greater opportunities of dodging and dribbling and thus avoiding a contact with the opponent. But most of the grounds abroad are only 110×70 and as you know, this is the minimum measurement for a football ground under the rules of the International Football Federation. A smaller ground, it should be realised, affords the players little room to avoid direct contacts and enforces the players to make his passes much earlier than we see in India. That is the reason why European football is so direct and that is also why I have been pressing the A.I.F.F. that our own grounds too must not be more than 115 × 75 in size which is what we have now. It may be said that previously the measurement of our ground used to be 120 × 80. But I am pressing for a further progressive reduction in the size of the ground untill it is brought down to 110 × 70.

These may be regarded as only the physical, as apart from the technical, sides of football. But here too we have not yet been able to make a beginning for the simple reason that, not being players themselves, few in our football administration realised the major benefits which might flow from such minor changes. It is unfortunate that there is not a proper realisation of the importance of such details. On the contrary, they are inclined to generate a lot of heat and controversy over not so important issues. It might be recalled that some years back there were some statements and counter-statements in the Calcutta papers about the duration of an exhibition match against a foreign visiting team. A prominent official said that it was unfair to the visitors, who were used to 90 minutes play, that the exhibition matches should be of a shorter duration. I had to point out at that time that exhibition matches were in a class by themselves and there were no hard and fast rules about their duration which generally was decided by common consent of the participating teams. It is really immaterial how long an exhibition match is made to last.

This should not, however, mean that I am in any way opposed to matches in India being of 90 minutes duration. On the contrary, I am an ardent advocate of it. I am aware that international football matches are all of that duration and I believe that, if India must compete in international football, her players must be trained and turned to last that distance. But as a player and administrator myself, I know it is easier said than done. In India where football is played

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almost 6 days a week, playing matches of 90 minutes would be committing plain harakiri. There is a limit to human endurance and the players cannot be asked to burn their candles at both ends. It may be informative in this connection that in England and Europe, where the players play for 90 minutes, they play but once a week. That helps the players to conserve their energy. Thus it should be realised that if 90 minutes football is to be introduced and it must be introduced sooner or later—the football administrators must be prepared to make drastic changes in their schedule of football remembering at the same time that there are quite a few clubs here who play not only football but also cricket and hockey. I for one am positive in my mind that 90 minutes game is essential if we must improve the standard of our football. But, if there were more people with experience of playing in the administration of the game, they would also realise that such a step must be preceded by other steps which are just as important. Firstly the schedule of league games must be limited to one a week for the players. That by itself would require revolutionary changes in our football set-up, confining our football to Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. This may also make it necessary that we should play football in the evening under floodlight. What is more, it may also necessitate that the football season should be changed from 'May till October' to 'July till February'. These are the difficulties and I must say that it is not enough to tackle them only from the administrative point of view. They must be looked at from the players point of view.

Then there is the question of coaching which is essential for the improvement of the standard of our game. But I wonder if our schools, colleges and the university could not take the initiative in the matter. They have the young talents and for the purposes of coaching, you must catch them young. They also realise sports fees from their students and they ought to do something in the matter. State Associations, would be only pleased to give them any help and co-operation they might ask for. I am not suggesting anything which may be beyond the capacity of the educational institutions. During my Russian tour, I had an opportunity to visit the Moscow University. There I saw that they had a vast sporting arena to themselves where they are building a stadium and have facilities for coaching in football, athletics and swimming. This may sound too ambitious. But our schools, colleges and the university might make a beginning keeping in mind that Rome was not built in a day.

I have so far scrupulously kept technical details out of these discussions for obvious reasons. But, of late, there has been so much of arm-chair talk about introducing the three-back system in our football that I should take this opportunity of making a short reference to it. With the change in the off-side rule, the Manager of the famous Arsenal of U.K. devised the third back game and it proved so successful that the whole world minus India has adopted this system. Technically the system is wonderful for the purposes of defence and there could be no two opinion that it should be adopted by us. But I am also thinking very seriously whether, under the existing circumstances and with the present fitness of our players, we can successfully take up this matter which require particularly the two inside forwards and the two wing halves to work like Trojans. There are many who will agree with me that mere catalogueing of the difficulties is not a solution. In my love for Indian football, I had taken the initiative of making the foregoing suggestions. I hope

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I had set the ball rolling. But everyone must combine and co-operate to provide the solution. I must however emphasise again that wrong people cannot take the right decision. There must be a concentration of actual playing experience in the administration of football and, if I can be of any use there, my services will be always available for our football a game which I love, which I have played and which I have worked for.

Before I conclude I would like to give my humble advice to the sportsmen of the country that they should realise that the club is bigger than the individual, the state is bigger than the club and the country is bigger than the state.

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Every Fifth Athlete in Czechoslovakia is a Football Player

by

FRONTISEK ZEMLA

Among the sixteen teams which qualified for the final round of the World Football Cup in Sweden was also the Czechoslovak national side. Czechoslovakia had qualified for participation in Sweden by defeating both Wales and the German Democratic Republic in the elimination round. Czechoslovak football players thus showed that the standard of Czechoslovak football which is one of the most popular sports in Czechoslovakia has risen. According to the latest statistical data Czechoslovakia now has more than 200,000 senior football players who together with another 50,000 junior players and juveniles thus form a vast pool of a quarter of a million active players. It is therefore not surprising that the entire sports public of Czechoslovakia followed the matches of Czechoslovak players in Sweden with exceptional interest.

1958 *was not a repetition of* 1934.

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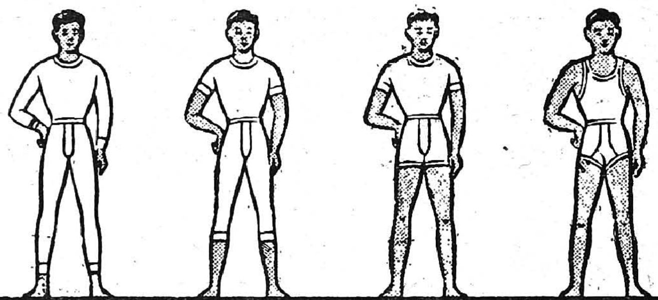

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outstanding forward line. The names of Puc, Nejedly and Svoboda are still known among many supporters of the game. In Sweden last summer, the Czechoslovak team did not enter the final rounds but its performance in general left quite a good impression. After an unfortunate defeat suffered at the hands of Northern Ireland /0: 1/ the Czechoslovak players were the first to upset the reigning world champions, the German Federal Republic. At halftime Czechoslovakia led by 2: 0 and had it not been for a dubious goal scored by Schaffer for the GFR which incidentally had been the subject of many heated discussions at the Championships—and had it not been for the injury of the best Czechoslovak player Pluskal the Germans would have hardly been in a position to draw 2: 2. The following match played by Czechoslovakia ended with a great sensation not only for Sweden but for the entire world of soccer. The highly favoured Argentine team was defeated by Czechoslovakia 1: 6, and that defeat could have been even more crushing. In its group Czechoslovakia had been placed second by a better goal average but the changed rules of the competition made it necessary to have a replay between Czechoslovakia players and Northern Ireland. Two days after the great win over Argentina the Czechoslovakia players began to feel a marked fatigue. Although they scored the first goal in the match the Irish equalised and in extra time scored the winning goal. This eliminated Czechoslovakia while the determined Irish qualified for the quarter-finals.

Future of Czechoslovak Football.

This year's World Cup competition marked a striking advance for Czechoslovak football compared with 1954 when in Switzerland at the time of the deepest crisis of Czechoslovak football our forward line did not succeed in scoring a single goal. Early elimination in Sweden is therefore not a complete failure. After all Czechoslovakia was not alone—among the teams eliminated were also the highly favoured English, Hungarian and Austrian teams. In fact, the standard of play demonstrated by Czechoslovak players held a great promise for the future.

The Czechoslovak national side was composed of relatively young players. Only Paraguay, England and Wales had a lower age averge than Czechoslovakia. The oldest Czechoslovak player was the 30-year-old goal keeper Dolejsi who was one of the best players in his team. Some of the players who played in Sweden have a goodchance of being selected for the national side which will enter the elimination round for the next World Football Club competition to be held in Chile in 1962. In the meantime they will certainly gain further valuable experiences.

Aggressive Football Prevails.

1954 was a milestone in the development of Czechoslovak football. Since that—after the heavy defeats at the World Cup competition in Switzerland /0: 2 by Uruguay and 0: 5 by Austria our trainers finally gave up their previous largely defensive system of play and ushered in new era of offensive play. One of the half-backs is always ready to join the attack together with his five forwards and thus create numerical superiority in front of the opponent's goal-mouth. Our trainers also succeeded in building up excellent half-back and full-back lines. These are formed mostly by players of the best Czechoslovak first league club Dukla Prague which has been holder of the Championship title since 1956. These players are Masopust and Pluskal, both half-backs, and

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the full-back Novak. Novak is also captain of the national team and has the biggest number of international caps of all the present international players—37 caps in all.

The Swedish crowds who were favouring the Czechoslovak team in its matches were very surprised by the performances of two Czechoslovak forwards—Zikan and Molnar. These two were among the youngest players in the World Cup competition. The 21-year-old Zikan scored in the three matches in which he played four goals and thus occupied quite a good place among the best scorers at the Championships. However, immediately after his return to Czechoslovakia he sustained a very grave injury during a local football match. He will probably not be able to return to the football ground until next year. The 22-year-old Molnar is also a very talented player. He is technically excellent and his tactical skill in attack will make him a good centreforward.

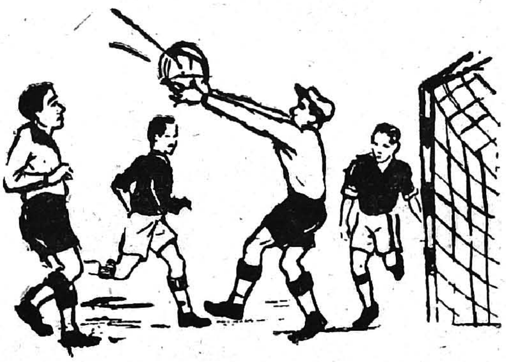
Care for Juniors.

The greatest care is now being paid to young Czechoslovak players who are being trained by adult coaches. They have their regular competitions, they compete for the Czechoslovak national title and regularly play against foreign teams.

The most immediate aim of Czechoslovak football is to achieve the best possible results in the International Cup competition in which Hungary, Austria, Italy and Switzerland also participate. We also want to achieve good results in the European Cup competition where our first opponents will be the national teams of Eire and Denmark.

The 1958 World Cup competition in Sweden did not find Czechoslovak players in their desired top form. For instance, in the match against Northern Ireland our team was not able to take advantage of the many experiences gained in previous matches. One single determined opponent thus slowed down Czechoslovakia's advance among the world's best football nations.

In sport the ways and means to reach the finest performances are varied but the most reliable method is undoubtedly systematic, determined and purposeful work. This is the path on which Czechoslovak football wants to advance to the highest peaks.



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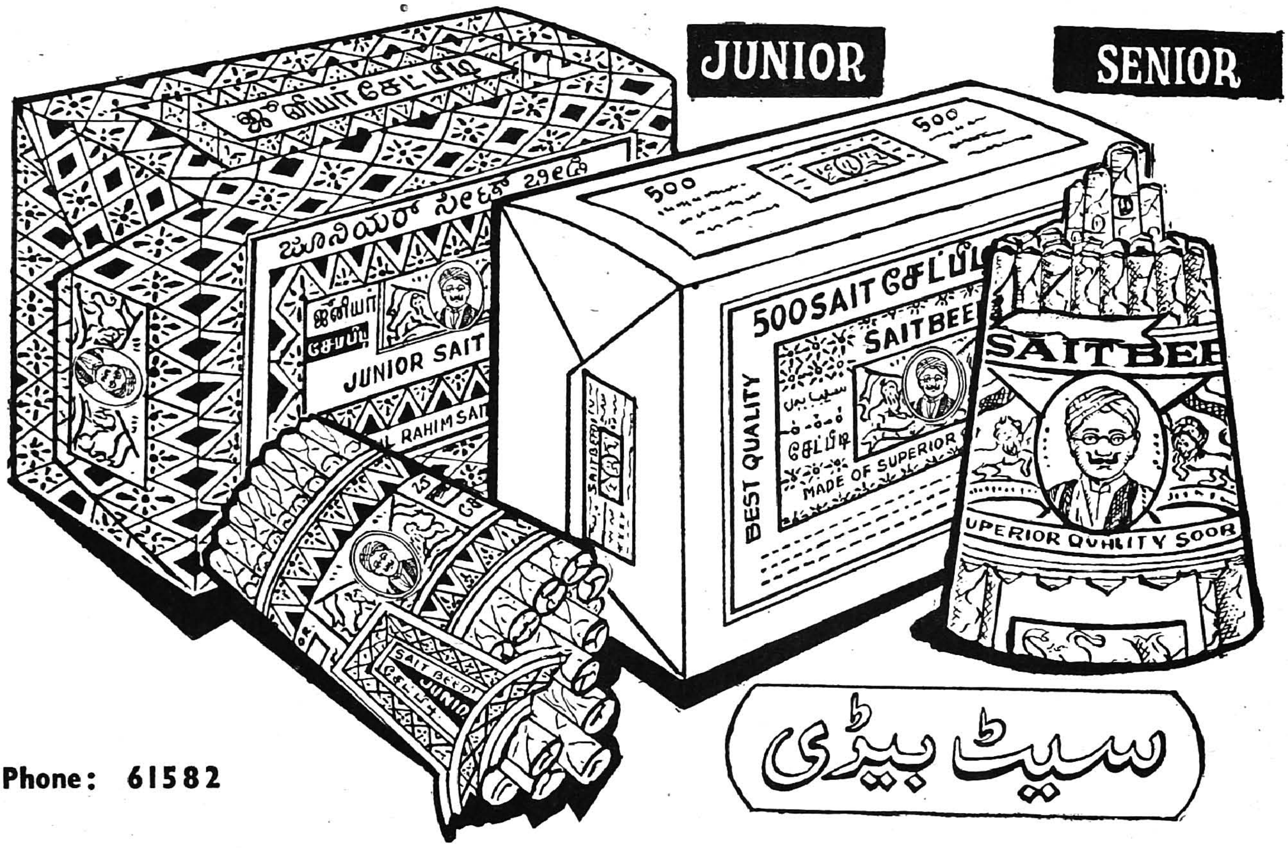

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The Finer Points Come After

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The upsurge of interest in football is being followed very closely by laudable and logical efforts to improve standards of play. Funds are now available to provide for coaching and there is adequate evidence to show that these measures are, to a certain extent, raising the playing abilities of our footballers.

The coach, like the trainer, is a necessity for every game but unless such technical assistance is available to very young boys it is doubtful whether sustained improvement and progress can be achieved. True that some attention of this nature is being paid to junior footballers but the point I wish to make is that there appears a marked tendency to overlook the fundamentals and to concentrate too early on applying finishing touches.

In football the first thing to be learned is how to control and despatch the ball with the feet. This will sound as if I am delivering a diatribe to people who have never even seen a football. But, in 1958, can we say truthfully that even five per cent of the thousands who participate in the game in India use BOTH feet? It is a fundamental of the game of soccer that only he can hope to be a competent player if he can use BOTH feet.

I have never been able to understand why this one great truth has been ignored and there can be no question that the standard of the game will improve out of all recognition if we will tackle this basic need from the very start. We see every day and in every first-class fixture that even the country's most renowned stars often hesitate to make a clearance, or lose a precious split-second before taking a shot at goal. Even goalkeepers when collecting the ball are unable to kick it down the field immediately, not always because of an intimidating attacker, but because the ball has to be volleyed by the one foot the goalkeeper is able to use.

There are, of course, other fundamentals to be taught and learned before the enthusiast can hope to acquire intial proficiency in the game but unless every coach—not to be confused with the trainer—imparts knowledge that BOTH feet must be used, Indian football can never hope to go places.

How many coaches, I wonder, start their lessons with this doctrine? In the final analysis the FEET count most in association football and long before the novice is taught how to breast, head or trap the ball it must be drilled into him that BOTH feet are equally important. This goes for every member of a team.

We do find these days many football coaches giving practical demonstrations to their pupils of how to do this and that correctly but it is a very debatable point whether the first few weeks of any coaching scheme are devoted to the fundamental raised by me in this little contribution.

These days, we find many experienced coaches holding classes indoors, using

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blackboard and chalk to illustrate many of the positional problems of the game. We find the quick adoption of new positions like the "stopper" and so on but all this seems to be a case of putting the cart before the horse where our football is concerned.

Whether short-passing or opening out the game is the technique adopted, whether a team relies more on speed than on positional play, footballers cannot hope to achieve much unless they are able to use both feet. All the hesitancy in front of goal, much of the ballooning of the ball in mid-field, wasted clearances by goal-keepers—all this is due to the use of one foot only.

This is why I submit that all coaches should impart first of all the very fundamentals of the game and only long after introduce to young footballers the finer points of the game.

The first thing is technique; tactics must follow. You cannot teach a bowler how to spin the ball unless he learned how to hold it. You cannot hope to show a batsman how to execute a late cut until he is fully aware how to hold the handle of a cricket bat and how to utilise the blade. In all games the first essential is the imparting and the learning of the basic techniques.

Football, unlike most other games, has no implements like bats or sticks or rackets. Football, as the word implies, is a game almost wholly played by the correct and clever application of the feet to a leather sphereoid. BOTH feet.

Football in India is still largely a game of one foot only, and the ball, and we shall improve our standard of play more quickly and in far greater measure if the finer points are left to come after the fundamentals are mastered.

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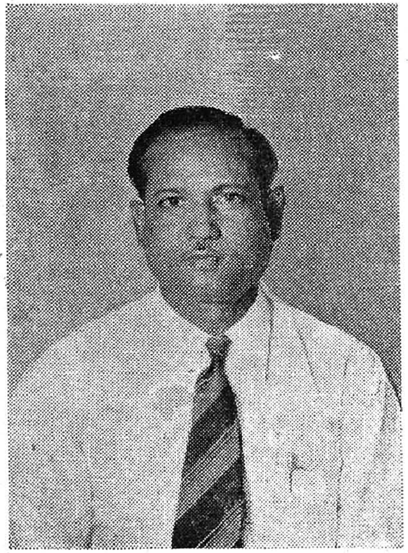
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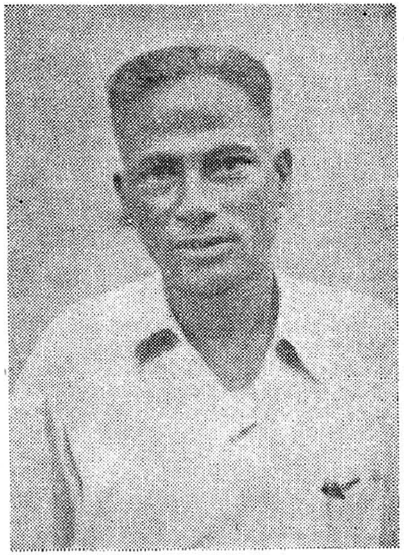
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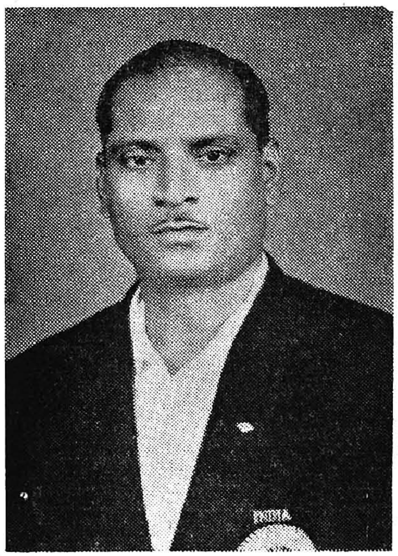
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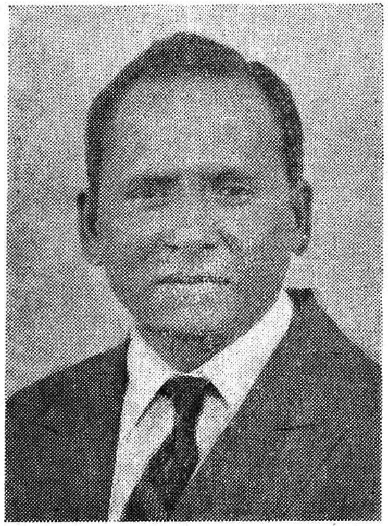
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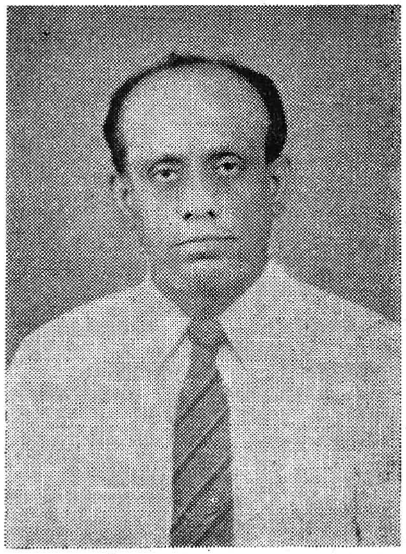
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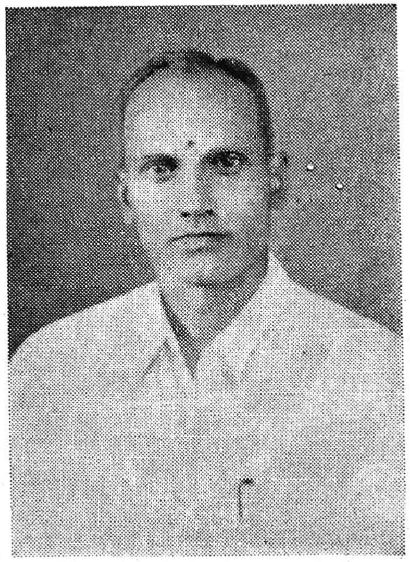
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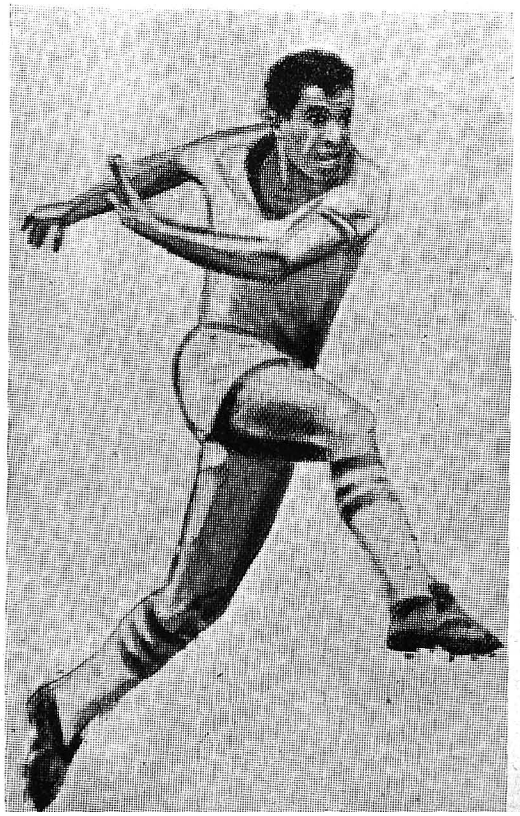

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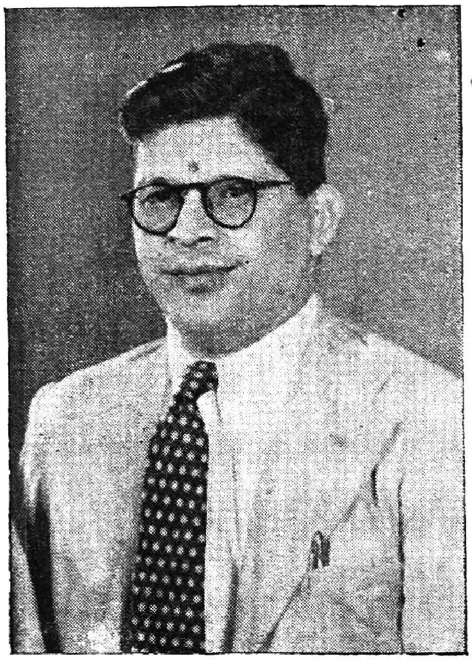

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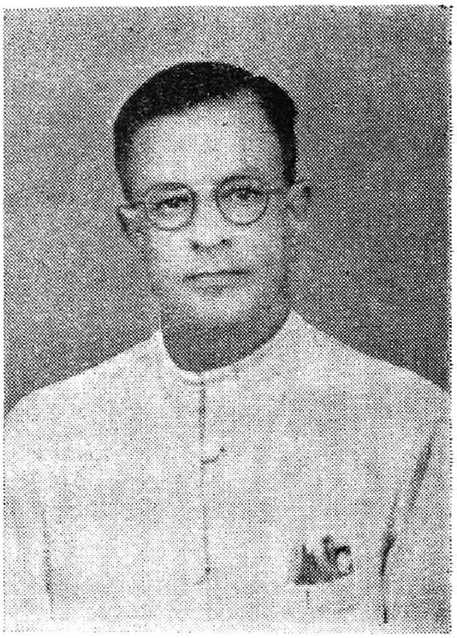

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THE MADRAS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Its Birth & Growth

by

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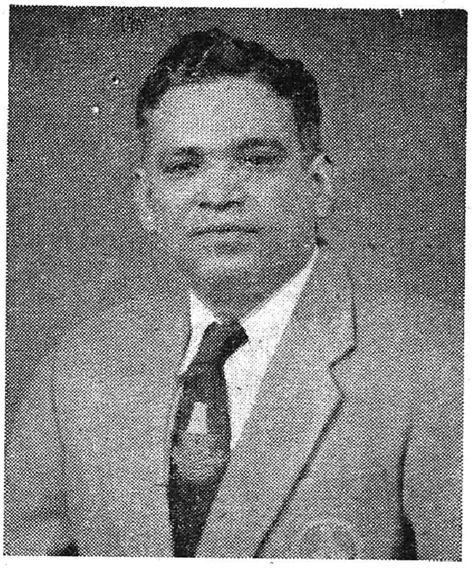
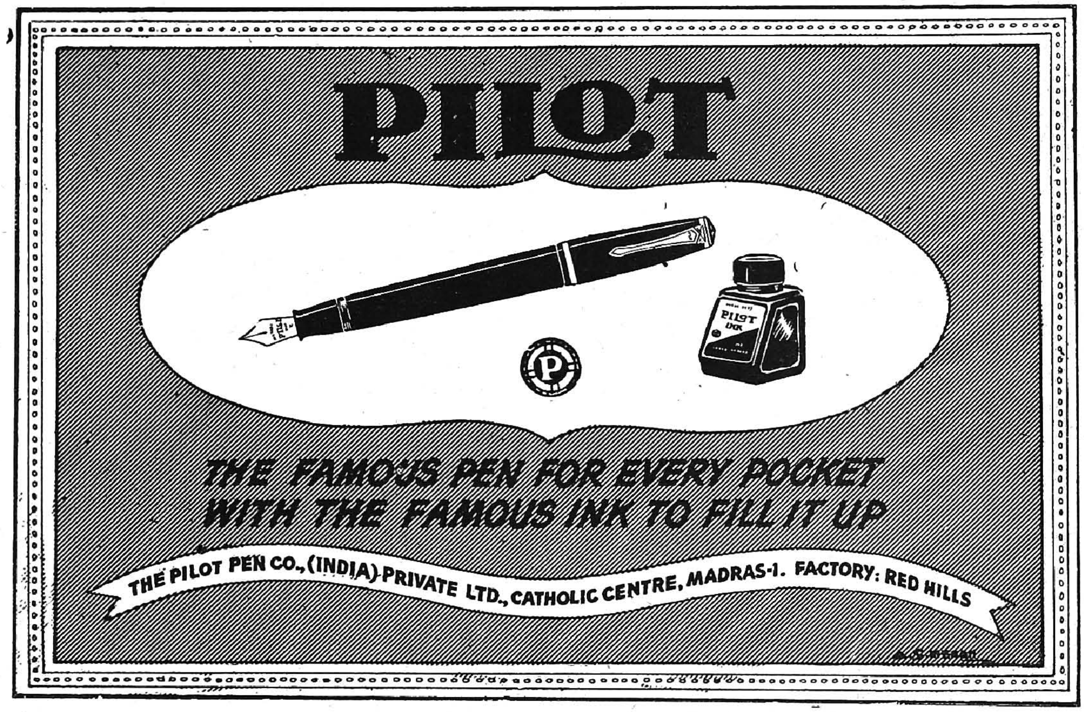


In the history of Madras Foot-ball, the year 1933 dawned as if to forestall some extraordinary event. Early that year the I.F.A. team from Calcutta the then representative body for All India Foot-ball, visited Madras. At the only match played with the Madras Team on 8-2-1933 on the S.I.A.A. grounds, neither side could force a decision. The Pachaiyappa's High School Team just then started under the able leadership of Sri A. M. Kanniappa Mudaliar won the Madras Gymkhana Club Tournament. This being the first Indian Team to win the trophy, the achievement was applauded by the local public. In May 1933 Sri A. M. Kanniappa Mudaliar took his school team on an invitation tour to Calcutta. On return, he issued a statement in the 'HINDU' of 13-6-1933 about impressions gained on the tour and particularly on the necessity for establishing a central organisation for Madras Foot-ball on the Calcutta model. Although the standard of the game then was undoubtedly high, the absence of a live organisation to regulate this game was keenly felt.

Against this background and as a logical sequence thereof, the sustained efforts of a band of enthusiasts of whom Messrs. A. M. Kanniappa Mudaliar (Pachaiyappa's), C. S. Murthy Rao (Y.M.R.C.), Paramasivam (T.R.C.) and P. V. Muthukrishnan (Minerva) were the live wires, bore fruit in that a meeting of the representatives of the various City Clubs was called for to consider the proposal for the formation of a Foot-ball Association for Madras. The realisation of the move was made easier by the keen interest taken also by the local Press earlier towards the same goal. The "HINDU" in its issue of 9-2-1933 while commenting on the I.F.A. versus Madras match played on the S.I.A.A. grounds on 8-2-1933 said, "What Madras really needs is an active body, which should know its work so as to take the promising youth of the country under its wings and arrange for the necessary training. Money and organization are, of course, needed for such enterprise, and the rich should step in to solve the problem of finance, while the veterans in the several fields of sports should take the active responsibilities."

The meeting itself took place on the 18th October 1933 at 06-30 p.m. at the Cricket Pavillion, Old Engineering College Grounds, Chepauk, under the Chairmanship of Mr. C. S. Murthy Rao (Y.M.R.C.) when, the following resolutions were moved and passed:—

(1) Resolved that the local football clubs be organised into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an Association called the Madras Foot-ball Association,

(2) Resolved that the following local gentlemen be approached for their suggestions and recommendations for the formation of the Association and to serve, if possible, on the Advisory Committee of the Association:—

Messrs. H. C. Buck, W. A. Wales, Rangarajulu Naidu, A. Thomas, J. Subbuswami, O. E. Windle, R. M. T. Orr and C. Krishnaswami Pillai.

It was at this meeting that the seeds of the Madras Foot-ball Association (the mighty edifice of today) were actually sown. The Advisory body constituted under resolution (ii) above met on 26-10-1933 at the M.U.C. premises and a Sub-Committee consisting of Messrs. C. K. Krishnaswami Pillai, H. C. Buck and J. Subbuswami was formed for drafting a provisional constitution for the proposed Association. The Sub-Committee finished its work within a month or two regardless of the volume involved. Thereafter the General-body meeting for approving the Rules and Regulations and electing the office bearers for the first official year was held at the M.U.C. premises at 6-30 p.m. on Friday the 5th January 1934. The much desired and long felt organisation was thus moulded into shape and put officially on the track, thanks to the initiative taken by the pioneers.

The Madras Foot-ball Association has during these 25 years sweated and toiled and found its way to glory and success. It has not only existed but has made its existence felt. These pages are too few to draw a complete picture of the working of this mighty organisation. Yet the occasion warrants a review however small.

In this connection a probe into Foot-ball of the pre-1933 period of this state may be of interest to understand in the correct perspective the birth and growth of this organisation. There is no doubt that England is the "Mother Country" of this most popular game. From there it spread throughout the world through contacts cultural, trade or conquest. In India, Foot-ball had followed the flag. It came out into this Country with the East India Company and its early pioneers were the people in Civil Service, Regimental Battalions and European Staff in Schools or Colleges. At the Ports, Naval personnel after the long and hazardous voyage of those days used to relax themselves in this game. Madras and Calcutta being the two ports where "White" Foot-prints were set first, Foot-ball took its roots first at these places where-from it slowly found its way into the interior.

Foot-ball on an organized basis in the shape of a Tournament was started at Madras first by the Madras Gymkhana Club in the Year 1895. But for long this most popular tournament was open only for booted teams mostly of Regimental units. The military men played the game with the extreme robustness. Apparently it gave them an outlet for their energy confined within the walls of their barracks. On the other hand in the educational institutions, the European professors imparted to the Student Community Foot-ball of a milder type not only to suit their missionary outlook, but also not to frighten the parents at home who for reasons stated above did not regard the game with favour. The military teams while attracting the local crowd, fired the imagination of the spectators. Consequently many clubs sprouted out and came on the surface.

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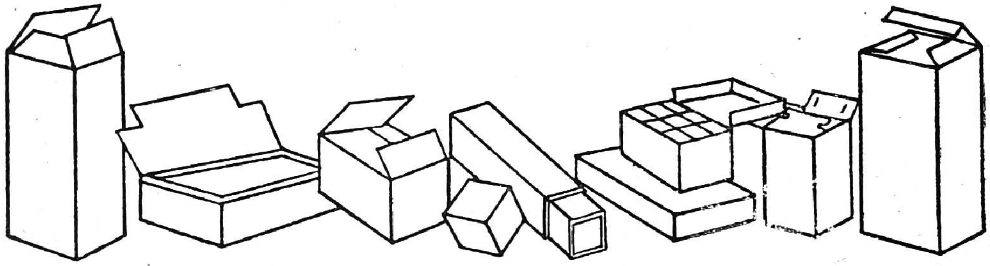

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Before any tournament other than the "Gymkhana" could take shape in the City, the Collegians earned the credit for initiating and running the inter-collegiate tournaments both on the League and knock-out basis. The Madras Collegiate Athletic Association was the conducting authority. The Inter-Collegiate Foot-ball League Championship for the "Lawley Cup" dates back from 1906 and the, "Wilson Cup" Tournament as from 1907. These ventures kept the College stock at a very high level, which also is a proof of the systematic training the students obtained at the hands of the masters. As for the tournaments started by private clubs and institutions in the City, sporadic attempts were made by some enthusiasts. But except the "Jatprole Cup" Tournament instituted by the S.I.A.A. in the year 1924 which still continues uninterrupted, the others could not survive either time or other casualities.

During the 1920s the collegians began to find their way into the City tournaments. This gave an extra glamour to the game as the Students exhibited clean Foot-ball without the usual robust tactics of the military sides which infected the local players also to some extent. Of those who ventured to jump out of their College walls to face daringly the boots of the military men and the rough tackling of others, a few names like Messrs. Ramachandran, Oommen, 'Comet', Henry Appadurai, Janardhana Rao and Parthasarathy Iyengar are worth mentioning. Some students in their zeal for the game either joined private clubs or were instrumental in starting others. Cosequently the general standard of the game rose high; the improvement was rapid and romantic. Foot-ball at its best was seen. As for the Clubs or Institutions, they in their zealousness to win trophies brought in competition and rivalry to the maximum. The clash between some of the then very popular teams like, the Madras Oriental and Tilak Memorial, Minerva and Moti Juvenile Association etc., was closely fought and keenly watched. At such a juncture when the material was high, potential talents were in plenty, the advent of the Madras Foot-ball Association as a controlling body to organise and regulate matters was a welcome one to the lovers of the game.

The Madras Foto-ball Association was not an imposing organisation to start with. It commenced its journey with barley half a dozen Clubs on its rolls. But during these years its usefulness in the wider interest of the game was realised and the bud of the Madras Football Association has grown richer in blossoms. Today when this Association is celebrating its Silver Jubilee there are over hundred Clubs on its rolls with four District Associations under its control. The District Associations have in their turn many clubs under them to spread the game to Towns and villages which are beyond the direct reach of the Madras Foot-ball Association.

Of all the achievements this Association could look back with legitimate pride, the introduction of League Foot-ball in the year 1934 was the most successful. The League is an imposing and elaborate tournament and fills up the major portion of the Foot-ball picture in Madras. The total number of matches to be gone through in a season is about 300 spreading to a period of 3 to 4 months. Its advantages are very significant, much to the benefit of the weaker teams. At the start, there was only one division with a very modest number of teams. The "Rajah of Bobbili" Shield for the I Division League Championship, was instituted at the very start and presented to the Association by its President, the Hon'ble the Rajah of Bobbili. The honour of winning this shield the first

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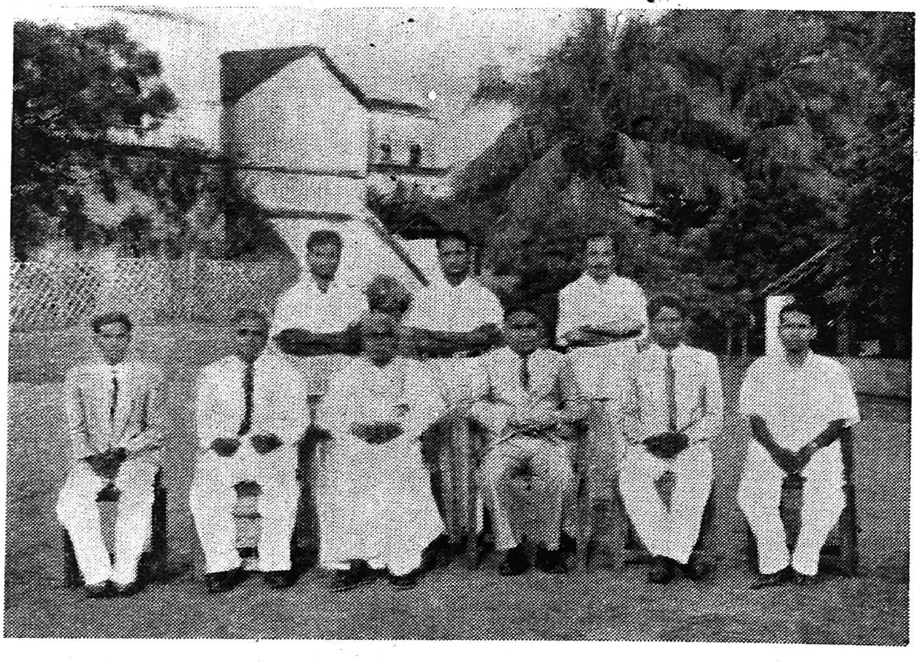

Dr. E. P. Mathuram M.L.A.,
President

(Sitting—L. to R.) Messrs. Micheal George, Arunachalam, (Vice-President), Narasimalu Naidu, (Patron), Albert (Vice-President), S. Thevar (Hon : Secretary) and Simon.

(Standing L. to R.) Messrs. Chandrasekaran, Kuppuswamy and Natarajan.

year went to the Pachaiyappa's Club and the next year to the B & C Mills. The rare distinction of retaining it consecutively for six years (1950-1956) was achieved by the popular Wimco Team. During these 25 years the League has grown into an effective institution in itself. Today after a continuous and an unbroken run (except in the year 1944-'45 due to war), it has added three more divisions to it. The Trophies "Damodaram Memorial Cup", "Rao Bahadur N. R. Balakrishna Mudaliar Cup" and "Rao Bahadur Janardhana Rao Cup" adorn respectively the II, III and IV division torunaments. At this juncture it will be but fair to admit that the idea of running a league foot-ball was already engaging the attention of the Madras Gymkhana Club to whom we owe much to foot-ball of the earlier periods. The Club's letter of 9-11-1932 reproduced below throws some light on this:—

"*9th November*, 1932.

Madras Gymkhana Club
Association Foot-ball.

It has been suggested that, with a view to creating further interest in Association foot-ball in Madras, a League be formed.

Anything that might be done this year would be entirely experimental with the idea of forming something definite next season. I would be very glad if you could arrange to send a representative to a meeting which I propose might be held at the above Club on Monday the 14th instant at 6-30 P.M. to discuss the point. The eight teams mentioned below have been invited to attend.

I shall be glad if you will reply before Saturday.

(Sd).

Hony. Sub-Secretary for
Association Foot-ball.

1. Gymkhana 'A'
2. 1st B. N. The North Staffordshire Regt.
3. 2nd (Madras) Field Brigade R.A.A.F.I.
4. Telegraph Recreation Club.
5. Buckingham & Carnatic Mills.
6. M.E.S.C. Athletic Association.
7. Minerva Club.
8. Pachiappas High School."

At the meeting held on 14-11-1932 it was decided to form and start a League called "The Madras Association Football League" consisting of the eight teams cited in the above letter. The credit for such a move which later helped to implement the League when started by the Madras Foot-ball Association in the year 1934 goes to Mr. R.M.T. Orr the then Secretary of the Madras Gymkhana Club.

The Madras Foot-ball Association at the start had under its jurisdiction the whole area of the original undivided state of Madras i.e., including the present Andhra and Kerala States. But the formation of District Foot-ball Associations working under the wings of the Madras Foot-ball Association helped to spread this game effectively throughout the whole area. The boundaries of each District Association have been defined by this Association and each District Association is responsible for controlling and promoting Foot-ball within its own jurisdiction. With a view to keep these sister Associations closer through this game, the Madras Foot-ball Association had very rightly instituted in the year 1953 an inter-district tournament for the "Shri Leeladher Mehta" shield. This is an annual fixture played now on League basis. Its conduct is taken by the District Associations in turn at the respective District centres, Madras City

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being deemed as a District for the purposes of this Tournament. This gives an opportunity to assess and spot out potential talents throughout the State.

The Inter-Association goodwill match between the teams of the Madras Football Association and the Bangalore Committee of the Mysore State Football Association is a step in the right direction which this Association had started ten years back. The representative Senior and Junior Teams of both the Associations exchange the fixtures at Madras and Bangalore the same year. A cup was kindly donated by Sri N. P. Venkatachalam Mudaliar for the Senior tie. This annual fixture creates a reservoir of goodwill and friendship. I strongly feel that if such fixtures could be extended to the other sister Associations of the South Zone also, the dividend thereof will be two-fold.

Another step which this Association has taken to spread the message of "co-existence" through this game was to initiate a tour of Ceylon by the Madras State Team in the Year 1955. This was put into shape mainly by the efforts of Sri N. Vittal, the then Honorary Secretary. The tour surpassed all limits of success. The fund of goodwill and enthusiasm created in the Island was so great that the Ceylon Football Association rightly reciprocated the tour the following year, at our invitation. Now this has come to stay as an annual fixture. Such extra-territorial ventures go much to cement the ties of friendly relationship. Truly, Foot-ball does not admit of any frontiers.

A proper realisation of the part played by this Association in promoting this game throughout South India can best be had if we look at the number of tournaments now held under its auspices. When the Madras Football Association started its career there were hardly two or three tournaments to reckon with. Time has proved this organisation's effectiveness so convincingly that there are now about seventeen recognised tournaments conducted throughout this State. Of these tournaments, two are conducted by the Association itself. One is the "Madras Football Association Shield" open tournament and the other is the "Gentle Cup" tournament for teams other than those of the first division. The latter is more to promote interest in the Junior Teams.

Of all the laurels won by this Association during its strides of progress, the conduct of the National Championship for Santosh Trophy at Madras in the year 1954 was the most prominent and commendable. Never in the history of Madras Soccer, we had this signal honour. Till then the venue was confined chiefly to centres in the North and the Federation authorities were rather sceptical of the financial success at any of the Southern Centres. Sri N. Vittal, the Association's then Hony: Secretary had to fight against odds in dispelling the above back-ground and getting our request acceded. His efforts bore fruit; undauntedly he accepted the challenge and the tournament when completed had surpassed all bounds of success, thanks to the splendid co-operation extended by the public of Madras. The outcome actually stunned the high priests of Soccer that the venue for 1955, 1956 & 1957 Championship was respectively fixed at Ernakulam, Trivandrum and Hyderabad. What an eye opener?! This Association had also the unique privilege of conducting at Madras early in 1955 two fixtures with the official Russian Foot-ball Team who were on a goodwill tour of India. One was with the Madras Eleven and the other with an Indian Eleven. We were no match at all to the superior skill and stamina of the Russians. Yet we stood to gain much by the encounters.

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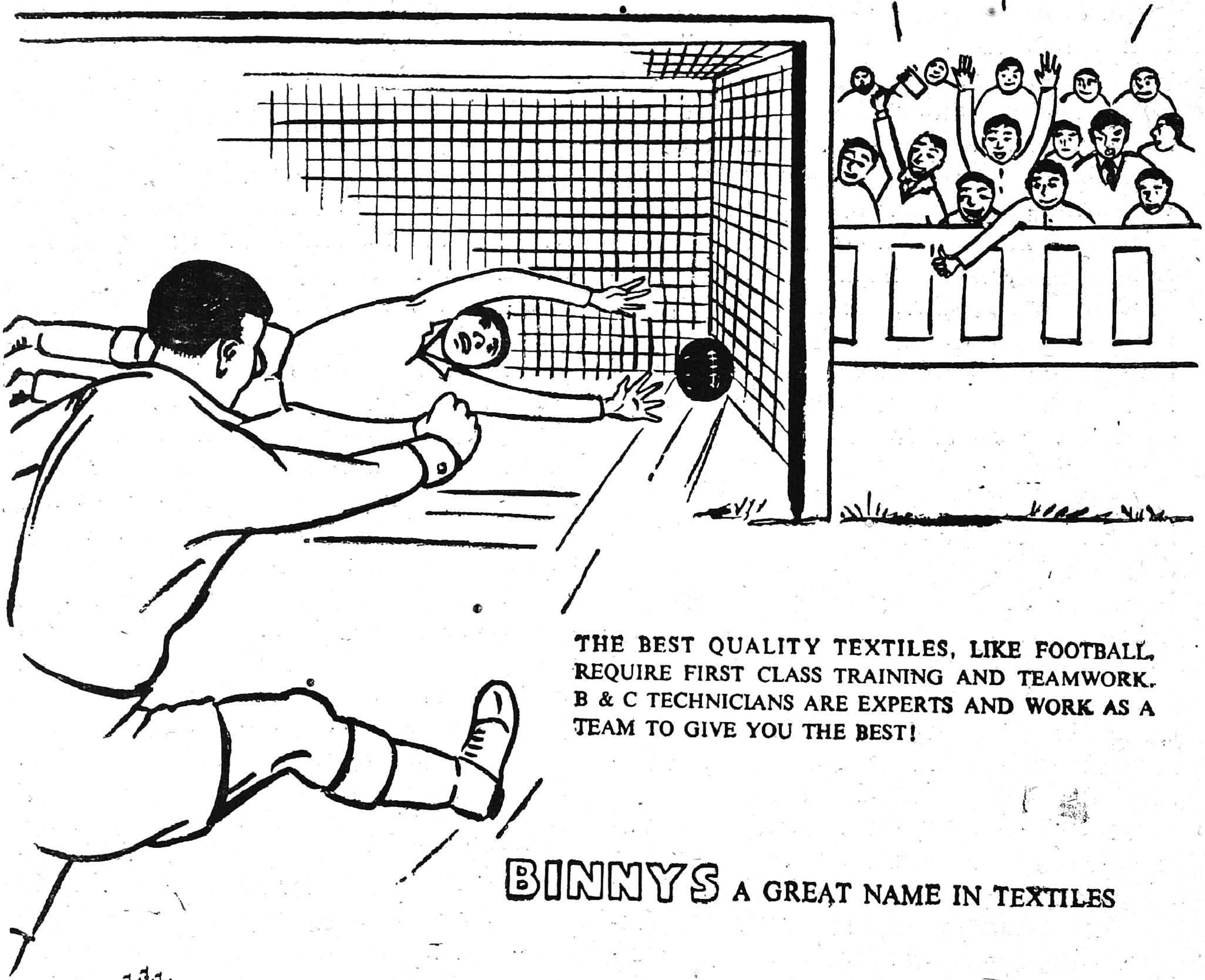

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The Madras Football Association has been all these years owing much to its constituent Clubs. To single out Clubs may be invidious. But the story of the Madras Football Association is incomplete without the mention of the Madras United Club in particular and others like Minerva, Pachaiyappas, B & C Mills, Tilak Moti, Wimco, Southern Railway etc. Some of them hold outstanding records to their credit, of which the following are commendable indeed:

Pachaiyappa's—1938:—Winners of "The Rajah of Bobbili" Shield, The Gymkhana Cup, The Jatprole Cup and the M.U.C. Cup.

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Down the corridor of these 25 years many foot-ballers of fame and repute have figured on our grounds and endeared themselves to us. They are still fresh in our memory. But they are too numerous to mention here due to pressure on space. By "Numerous" I also mean the abundance in our talents. The fact that even today most of the leading teams either of Calcutta or Bombay, or the strongest combination of the services, are assisted by players from the South goes to prove the above. We are indeed proud of our self-sufficiency.

Much has been said about the widespread activities of this Association and its rich blossoms. But when the eyes thrill to the beauties of the Rose, it is unlikely that one thinks of the thorns just below the flower. There is not a Rose but with a thorn; so also is the Madras Football Association. The glaring thorn of all is the fact that the Association is yet to acquire a ground of its own. Consistent with the great local enthusiasm for the game and its glorious past, the above is a serious draw-back and a pity indeed! Year after year our crowded League or tournament programme had to be either postponed or rushed through due to the non-availability of a ground. Although the gravity of the need has been keenly felt by the Association, the task is too heavy for the barren shoulders of this organisation and could be fulfilled only with the active support of the Corporation and the State Government. It is however hoped that with the interest in sports evinced by the Central and State Governments, not only we will get one in the City, but many fields would spring up in the outskirts and Villages. The second aspect requiring our attention is regarding our players. As one who closely follows the game throughout the year, I strongly feel that our players are being overstrained and taxed beyond endurance. The total number of tournaments in the City and Districts including the league in which the leading teams are obliged to take part by some link or other, is too many that the players become stale and play without any enthusiasm towards the close of the season. Apart from the local engagements there are outstation major tournaments which are competed for by our teams. All told there is no regular off-season or rest for our players. They are virtually in action throughout the whole year. This course if left unchecked, will, I am afraid, lead to serious repurcussion on our players who will be burning the candle at both the ends. It is also unfortunate that our players do not or cannot get as much consideration as they ought to from some of their employers, whose policy appears to be "Render unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's and unto God the things which be God's". This Association appeals to them to deem sports also as part of the office work.

What we have done and achieved is only one stage in our march onwards towards the goal which we have placed before ourselves. We hope that this Silver Jubilee will succeed in enlisting that support and encouragement to football which the game rightly deserves. Let us try to reach our goal, the sooner, the better.

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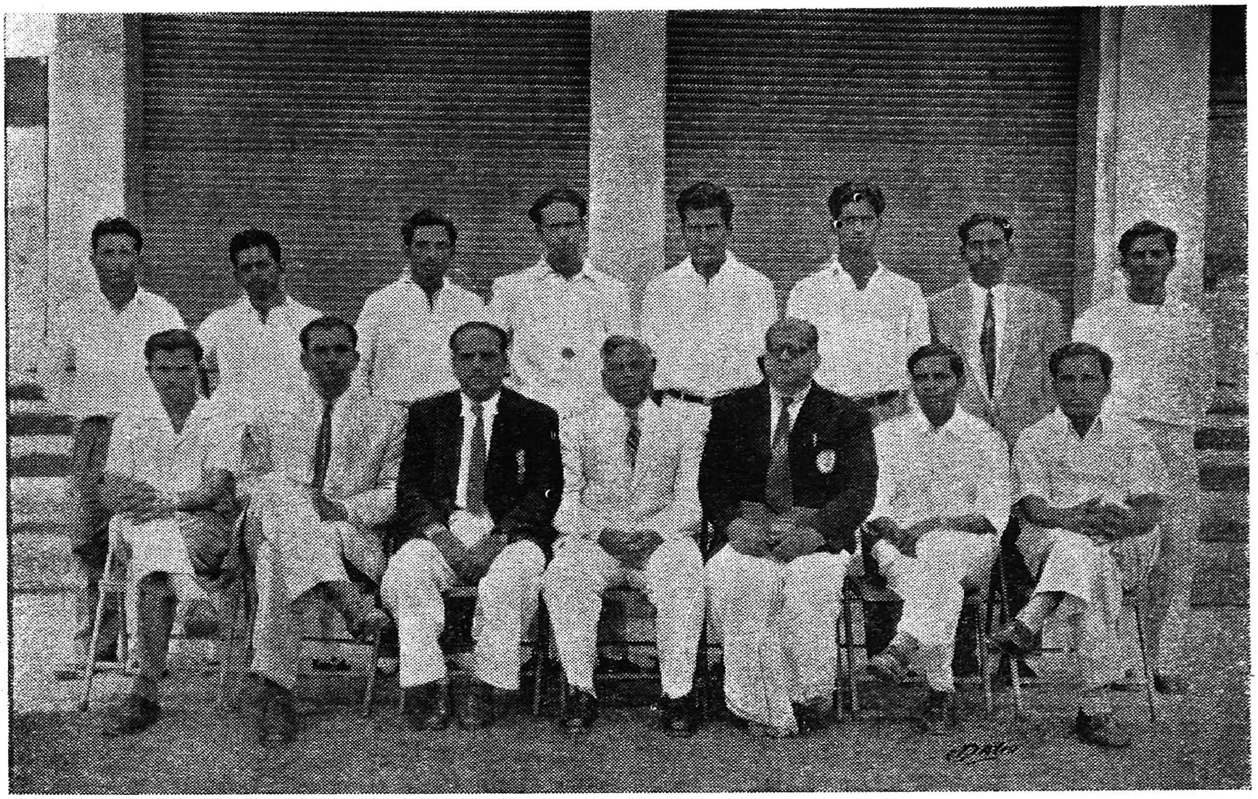

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(*Players Standing L - R*) M/s Sreenivasan, Chandran, Krishnan, Rajagopal, Sundaram, Parthasarathy, Kannan, John.

(*Below*) **M.F.A. SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

(*Chairs L - R*) M/s Parthasarathy, Muralidharan, Rozario, Manavalan, Vittal, Ramachandran, Rahim, Rama Naidu, Antony.

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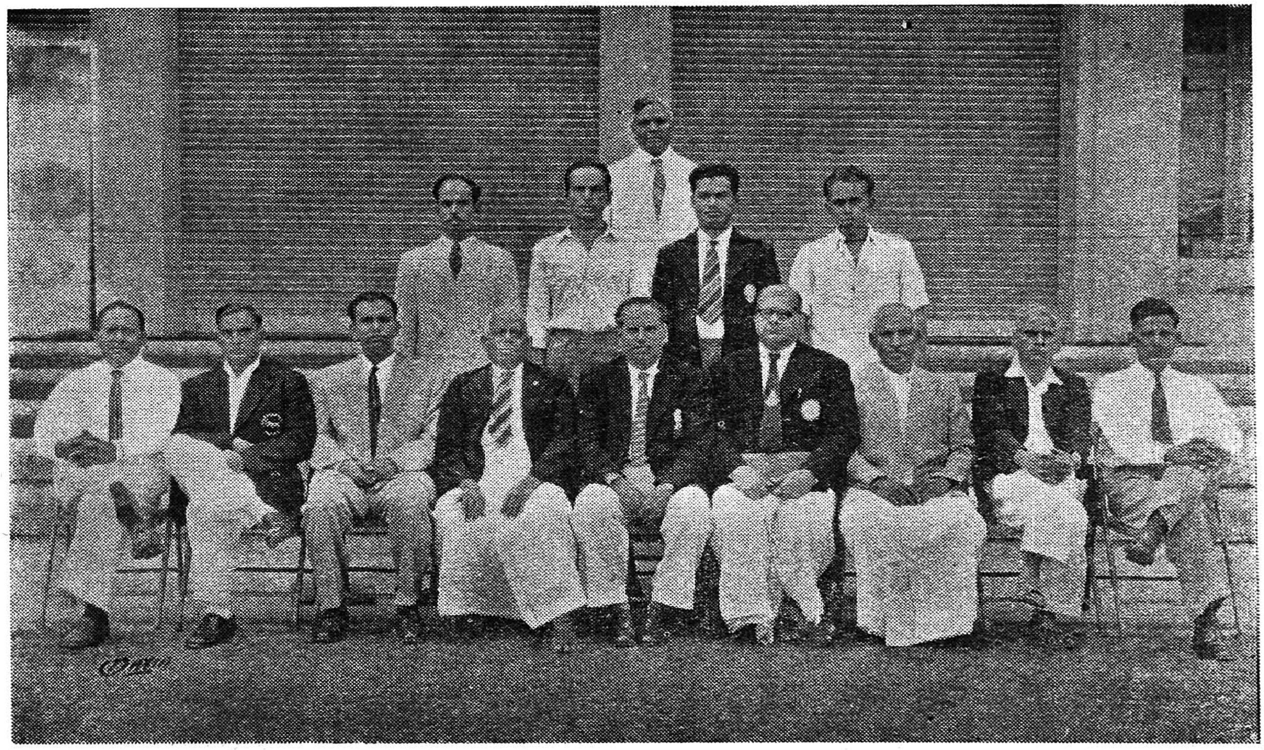

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(*Below*) Lull after the Storm of the "Gymkhana Cup" Tournament of 1940, Minerva (Winners) & Tilak Moti (Runners-up). These teams often clashed in those days.

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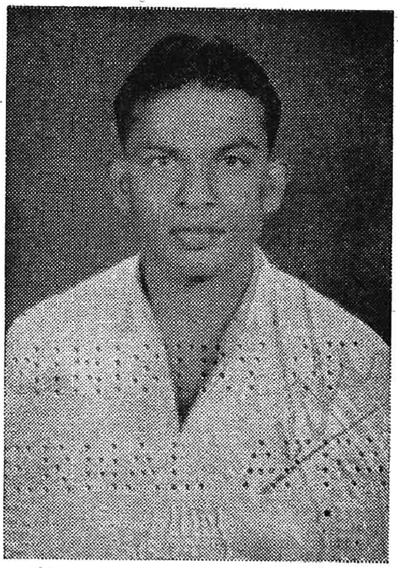

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A. D. ராஜன்

இன்றைய தினம் சென்னை மாநில உதைப் பந்தாட்டக் கழகம் தனது வெள்ளி விழாவைக் கொண்டாடுகின்றது. இது பொதுவாகக் களியாட்டக்காரர்களுக்கும், குறிப்பாக உதைப்பந்தாட்டக் கலாரஸிகர்களுக்கும், சிறப்பாக உதைப்பந்தாட்ட வீரர்களுக்கும் பெருமகிழ்வைத் தரும் என்பதில் சிறிதேனும் ஐயமில்லை. "படிக்கின்ற பையன் பந்தாடி விட்டு வீட்டுக்கு வந்தால் உதைவாங்கியக் காலந்தொட்டு, பந்தாடத் தெரிந்தால் பலனுள்ள வேலைகளும் கிடைக்கும்" என்பதைக் கண்கூடாகக் கண்ட இந்தக்காலம் வரைக்கும் உதைப்பந்தாட்டக் கழகத்தின் சரித்திர வரலாற்று ஏடுகளைப் புரட்டிப் பார்த்தால் மிக மிக சுவையுள்ளதாகவே இருக்கும். ஒவ்வொரு துறையிலேயும் கடந்த 25 ஆண்டுகளாக கழகம் ஏறுநடைபோட்டு முன்னேறி இருப்பது இங்குக் குறிப்பிடத் தக்கதாகும்.

இருபத்தைந்தாண்டுகளுக்கு முன் (1933) துவங்கிய சென்னை உதைப்பந்தாட்டக் கழகம் இன்றைய தினம் எந்த மாநிலமும் கண்டிராத அவ்வளவு உன்னத நிலைமைக்கு உயர்ந்திருக்கிறது. காரணம், இக்கழகத்திற்காக ஒத்துழைத்தவர்களின் பட்டியலைப் பார்த்தாலே விளங்கும். உயர்திருவாளர்களான A. இராமசாமி ஐயர், Dr. A. L. முதலியார், P. N. இராமச்சந்திரன், S. A. நாயுடு, J. சுப்புசாமி, Dr. U. கிருஷ்ண ராவ், P. V. முத்துக்கிருஷ்ணன், A. M. கன்னியப்ப முதலியார், C. S. மூர்த்தி ராவ், N. விட்டல் முதலானோர் செய்துள்ள செயற்கரிய பணிகள், சீரிய முன்னேற்றத்திற்கான ஆக்க வேலைகள் ஏராளம், ஏராளம். இவர்களின் நல்லெண்ணங்களே இன்றைய தினம் இம் மாபெரிய நிகழ்ச்சியை பல சிறப்புக்களோடு கொண்டாடவும் பலத் துறைகளிலும் வெற்றிக்காணவும் முடிந்தது என்றால் அது மிகையாகாது.

கடந்த இருபத்தைந்தாண்டுகளில் கழகம் எடுத்துக்கொண்ட விடாமுயற்சியின் பயனாக இன்றையத்தினம் , இக்கழகத்தின் உறுப்பினர்களாக திருச்சி, மதுரை, கோயம்புத்தூர், இராமநாதபுரம் முதலான மாவட்டக் கழகங்களும் சென்னை மாவட்டத்தினுட் பிரிவில் எண்பத்தாறு கழகங்களும் பணியாற்றி வருகின்றன. பணியாற்றுவதிலே பற்பல விதங்களும் உள்ளன. அவைகள் போட்டிப் பந்தயங்கள் நடத்தும் கழகங்கள், ஆட்டங்களில் கலந்துகொள்ளும் கழகங்கள், ஆட்டங்களில் கலந்துகொள்ள வாய்ப்பில்லாமல் பணிசெய்யும் கழகங்கள் ஆகும். பற்பல பணிகளில் இவைகள் தொண்டாற்றிய போதிலும், உதைப்பந்தாட்டத் தரம் உயர வேண்டுமென்ற எண்ணத்தில் இவைகள் தாய்க்கழகத்தோடு ஒருமனப்பட்டு வழிவகைகள் செய்து முழுமூச்சுடன் ஒத்துழைப்பது சிறந்த ஒரு செயலாகும்.

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பத்து ஆண்டுகளாக வடஇந்திய மாநிலங்களிலேயே நடைபெற்றுவந்த தேசீய உதைப்பந்தாட்டப் போட்டியை 1954-ம் ஆண்டு துணிச்சலோடு ஏற்று, திறம்பட நடத்திக்காட்டி, அதிகப்படியான வருவாயையும் திரட்டி அகில இந்திய உதைப்பந்தாட்டக் கழகத்திற்குக் கொடுத்ததும் ஒரு பெரிய சாதனை என்றே சொல்லவேண்டும். அதோடு வெள்ளி விழாவையொட்டி மீண்டும் 15-ம் ஆண்டின் தேசீயப் உதைப்பந்தாட்டப் போட்டியையும் இவ்வாண்டு இங்கேயே நடத்தும் பொறுப்பை ஏற்றுக் கொண்டுள்ளது துணிச்சல் மாத்திரமல்ல—கூட்டுறவோடு கூடிய ஒத்துழைப்புமாகும்.

சென்னை மாநில உதைப்பந்தாட்டக் கழகம் தன்னகத்தே நடுநிலைமையாளர்களின் கழகத்தையும் கொண்டுள்ளது ஒரு சிறப்புச் செயலாகும். நடுநிலைமையாளர்களைத் தேர்ந்தெடுப்பது, பரீட்சிப்பது, ஆட்டத்தை நடுநிலைமை வகிக்கத் தகுதியானவர்களை நியமிப்பது போன்ற விஷயங்களில் தரங்குறையாமலும், கருத்து வேறுபடாமலும், ஒன்றித்து பணியாற்றுவதிலேயும் தன் முழு கவனத்தைச் செலுத்தி வருகின்றது. நடுநிலைமையாளர்களின் தகுதியையும் சிறப்பையும் கண்டு பிறமாவட்டங்களும் சென்னையிலிருந்தே நடுநிலைமையாளர்களைத் தங்கள் மாவட்டங்களுக்கு வரவழைத்துப் பயன்படுத்திக் கொள்ளுகின்றனர்.

நாளுக்குநாள் உதைப்பந்தாட்டக் கலா ரஸிகர்களின் ஆதரவும், எண்ணிக்கையும் மிக மிக பெருகிக்கொண்டு வருவதும் ஒரு சிறப்புச் செய்தியாகும். எதிர்காலத்திலே இரஸிகர்களின் ஒத்துழைப்பு, கட்டுப்பாடு, ஆதரவு முதலானவைகள் மேலும் வளரும் என்பதில் ஐயமில்லை. ஆனால், துரதிருஷ்டவசமாக சில ரஸிகர்களுக்கு விளையாட்டின் சிறு நுணுக்க விதிகள் தெரியாத காரணத்தால், பாவம் நடுநிலைமையாளர்கள் சில சமயங்களில் பரிதாபத்திற்குரிய நிலைமையில் ஆகிவிடுகிறார்கள். காரணம், நந்தமிழ் நாட்டில், தமிழில் விளையாட்டு விதிகள் வெளிவராததும் ஆகும். எதிர்காலத்தில் இம் முயற்சியும் வெற்றிக் கிட்டும் என்பது என் எண்ணம். எனவே, கழகம் வளர, கழகத்தின் ஆக்கவேலைகள் பெருக, கலாரஸிகர்களின் உள்ளங்கள் குளிர என வாழ்த்திக் கொண்டு இத்துடன் முடித்துக் கொள்ளுகின்றேன்.

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Year	*Winners*	*Runners-up*
1941	Bengal	Delhi
1942-43	No competition	
1944	Delhi	Bengal
1945	Bengal	Bombay
1946	Mysore	Bengal
1947	Bengal	Bombay
1948	No competition	
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1950	Bengal	Hyderabad
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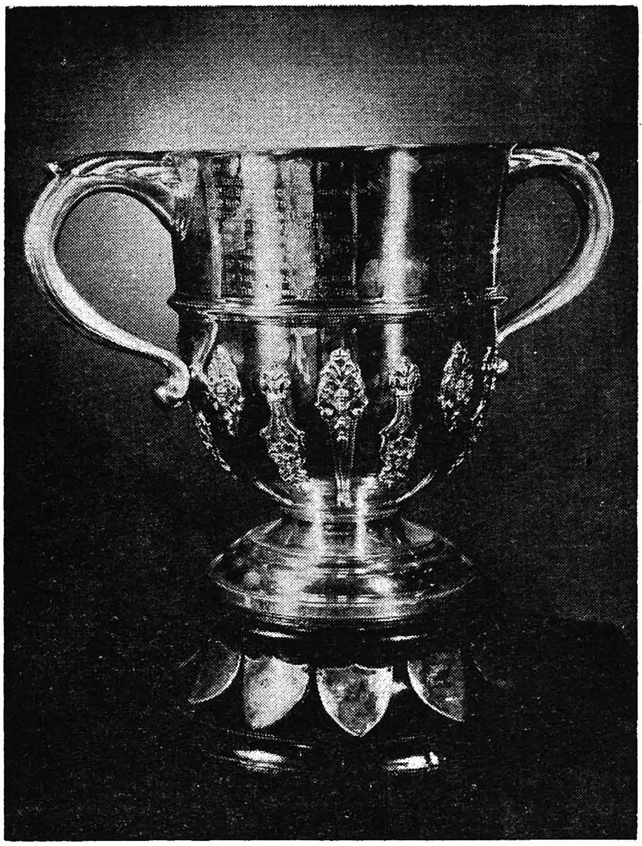

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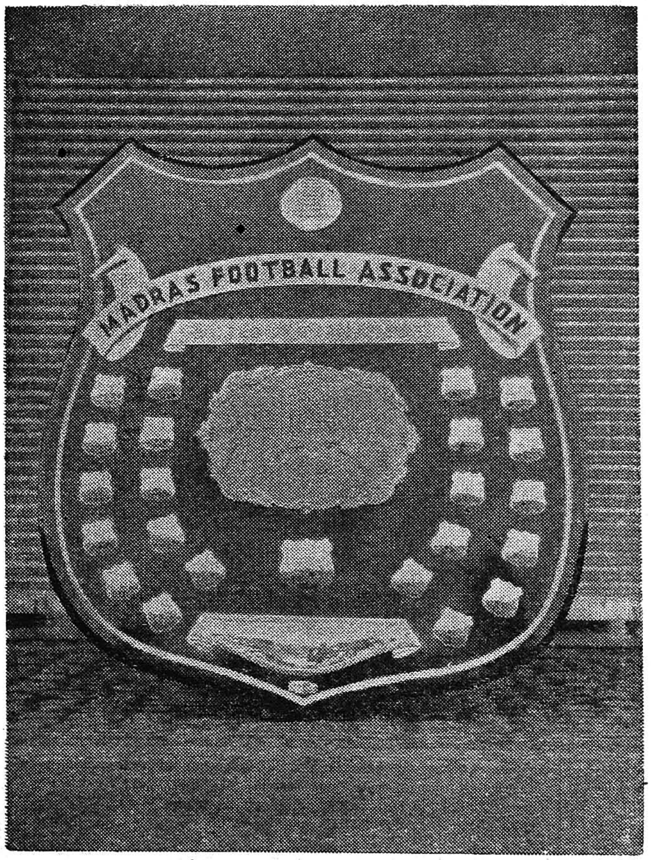

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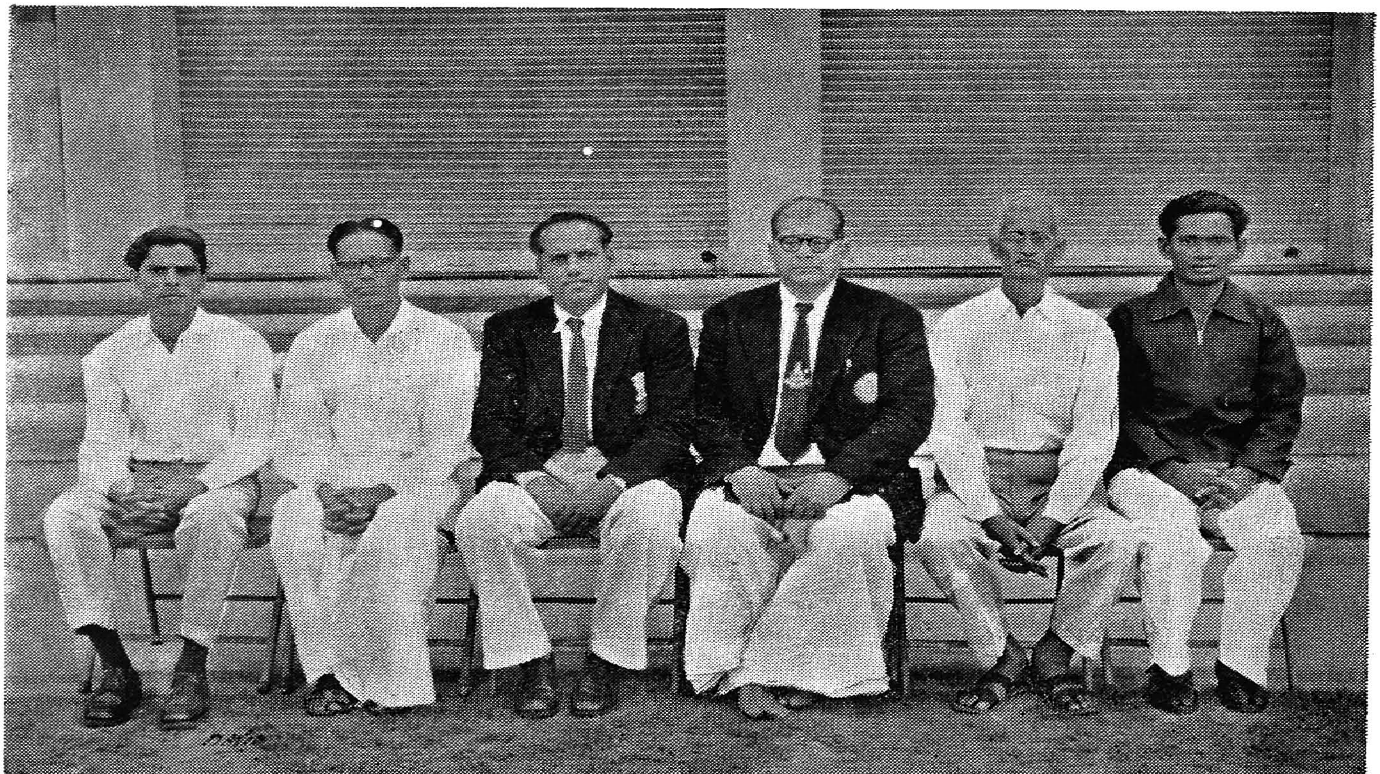

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Football and the Fair Sex

by

Basil Metcalf.

Whilst strolling across a nearby Park recently, I noticed a cubmistress organising a group of youngsters in a game of cricket.— My thoughts went back to an article some time ago concerning a certain female school teacher who wanted to become a qualified referee. She argued that she had controlled presumably with considerable success, her school team during recent years.

Gentlemen—have you ever considered the possibility of a female referee? Has the picture ever crossed your minds of a lady "in the middle"? No. Well, let us not sit back with glib expression on our faces and murmur, "Impossible", but for a short while, dwell upon the awful progress of Woman during recent years. Today she can—and many do—almost anything. She takes our 'bus fares, speaks in Parliament, removes our appendix and persuades judges of our innocence. The time may not be very far distant when she gives us "offside". Imagine being blown up by a woman for "ungentlemanly conduct" during the day-time! The mere thought is too appalling for our powers of expression.

One might at first confidently claim, "But she could never keep up with the play, she is not physically strong enough". Have you ever tried to get near a counter during a sale, or tried to get your feet on the last 'bus home? No, it would be wishful thinking to under-estimate their physique.

Perhaps with less confidence we might suggest, that her faculty is such that she could not make the split decision so necessary in many games. Possibly, but for sheer speed and clarity of thought there is no one to touch a woman when "mere man" attempts to appropriate part of the house-keeping!

In sheer desperation we might say, "But her interest in the game would wane, she would never turn up to a match in a snowstorm in the wilder parts of the country". Gentlemen, she would cycle to the very gates of H itself if it meant an hour and a half of complete control over 22 men. The outlook therefore seems grim and all that we hold dear to us is in peril.

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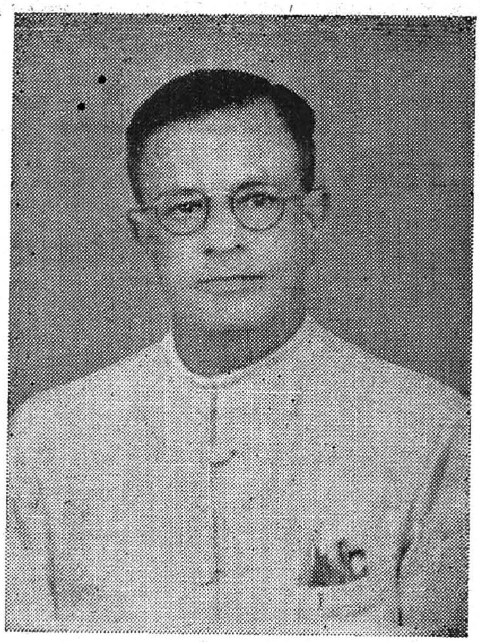

As a result of experience and out of necessity, all recognised games today have to be organised, and Association Football is no exception. But however adequate and whatever type the organisation may be, actual control of the game on the field must rest with the selected officials for the day, and this brings the human element into play. The strength of the chain depends on its weakest link, and one weak or indifferent Referee can spoil the reputation for good control of the game.

The football referee perhaps holds a unique position as far as control of the game is concerned. This is due to the game of Association Football itself, its laws and its code of conduct. While there are a host of officials, guarding every line in important matches in Lawn Tennis, the referee has only two linesmen to assist him in his difficult task. While in Hockey and in Cricket there are two umpires, thus sharing the responsibility, the decisions in Association Football have to be taken only by the referee. The proximity of the crowd near the field of play, the rules permitting the players coming into physical contact with each other as part of the game, the kaleidoscopic changes in the positioning of players, and the quick transfer of the ball from wing to wing and from one half of the field into the other half, make demands on the mental equipment and physical capacity of the referee, as perhaps no other form of sport makes on its controlling officials. Hence it is not a truism to state that a referee can make or mar a game of football.

What makes refereeing so onerous and at the same time so enjoyable is the clash of different interests and the varying points of view which vie for mastery, which go to make up the game of Football. Quite often the facts that there are spectators present and that they too are entitled to watch a good game are lost sight of. This plea is not made on behalf of those partisans who want their side always to win, or those who have a money stake on the result of a game, or those who, on the slightest pretext, invade the field and misbehave. It is obvious that decisions on the field cannot be taken by a refrendum and that the spectators cannot referee from their seats. This plea is not made only because the spectators have paid at the gate. This plea is however made on behalf of the majority of spectators, who love to see a good game played and to enjoy it, irrespective of who may win.

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From their point of view, nothing is so annoying as for the game to be stopped frequently and for petty faults. It is such interruptions that kill the interest in the game and make the spectators regret having come to watch the game. The result for them does not matter so much as that there should be a good evening of enjoyment and a general and satisfying impression of having had their money's worth.

The participants in the game, the players, have their point of view. By player is not meant the person who wants to win by hook or by crook, or the type who feels he can never be in the wrong. By player is meant the large body of participants who want to play their best and enjoy the game too. He is generally a sportsman and knows that the referee is serious and doing his best. For the player also, pulling up for every technical infringement or supposed breach of the law, is exasperating. It is very often this kind of officious interference which leads to frayed tempers and general deterioration of play. So long as the control of the game is unbiased and uniform throughout, the players are mostly satisfied. Then the game goes with a swing and the players love such a game.

The sports controlling bodies have their point of view. By this appellation is not meant the tournament secretary or tournament committee who have an eye only for producing a result favourable to them. What is meant is the larger interest of the State Association, the Referees Association and similar organisations. By and large they are all interested in the advancement of the game, its ability to attract sportsmen and the pleasing effect that good control of the game has on every one. They are more interested in the promotion of the game rather than in conducting enquiries and in taking discipilinary action, unless these are forced on them.

Even the referee, who has been reserved to the last, has his own point of view. His point of view is important and counts, because this tinges the entire control of the game. If a referee enters the field with the idea of teaching a player or a team a lesson or of settling old scores with some of the players, it will not be long before this becomes evident and what would otherwise have been a good match is spoilt. If a referee has a notion of asserting the superiority of his tribe over the common players, this will produce a natural tension alround and gradually lead to an unsatisfactory match. The 'Purist' who goes in with a crusading spirit of keeping a tally of all the infringements and breaches of the laws which he can collect in a single match, is another type of referee. For nearly every Free Kick he will insist on the ball being placed a few inches this way or that. This nagging insistance on the mere form but sacrificing the spirit of the laws of the game, is symptomatic of him. He may please himself, but he can please no one else.

There is the referee who literally speaks through the whistle and blows himself to the point of exhaustion. Such persistent whistling makes most people long for a pond near at hand and think how nice it will be to give him a good ducking. Then there is the person, quite sane and normal otherwise, but who goes off the deep end as soon as he gets a whistle, must do some thing sensational to attract attention to himself, even to the extent of awarding a Penalty Kick as a gift or ordering a player off the field arbitrarily. Such men are dangerous. We have another type, the 'Pacifist' merely chewing his whistle, running hither and thither helplessly, hiding his incompetence behind a pseudo-benevolent policy

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Yet another type is the 'Diplomat' who prefers to sail with the wind. The refereeing is strict in the early stage of the game, while the situation is being shrewdly assessed. Thereafter most of the decisions are in favour of the stronger and winning side or the side which is playing on its home field and has the backing of the crowd. Such matches inevitably become one-sided and the favourites easily win. Every thing, however, will be done so diplomatically that there will be no formal complaint. Nevertheless, the discerning few will sense what is happening, and the weaker teams and the teams playing their 'away' matches will not only be rendered innocuous but will also have to suffer in silence. It may be 'safety first' for this type of referee, but it is intellectual dishonesty as far as the game and refereeing are concerned.

Then there is the referee who resorts to the 'Compensation Theory'. Whenever he is compelled to give a decision, about which he is not sure, he will proceed to neutralise the possible advantage of this doubtful decision by an immediate next decision the other way. A typical example is, when he is not sure whether the ball has crossed the touch line, but there is a clamour from the spectators nearby, he awards a 'throw' to one side, and no sooner is the ball thrown in than he pulls up the thrower for a 'foul throw', and thus reverts the throw to the other side. Another example is that he reluctantly awards a 'Free Kick' to the attackers for a doubtful infringement by the defenders, and immediately thereafter penalises the forwards for 'Offside' and thus robs them of the advantage. This may be clever and mathematically even things out in the end for both sides; but this is certainly not proper refereeing nor will this produce good football.

We should not forget the 'Exhibitionist', crouching, cutting capers on the field, pointing his finger here and there, and explaining every decision by pantomime and gesture, all to impress every one with his own omniscience and importance, but in fact producing no effect on any one. One should really feel sorry for him. Lastly we have the person, who can referee well, who does so upto a point, but at the psychological moment, taking advantage of the wide discretion vested in him under the laws, deliberately and maliciously manipulates a draw or a win as the case may be, and as he has planned. All that can be said of him is, may God help him, for no one else will.

If Association Foot-ball is not to lose its charm and attraction and if our foot-ball teams are to give a good account of themselves in international contests, side by side with the proper selection, coaching and encouragement of our players, our referees should also approach refereeing in the correct and proper attitude and pay due heed to the spirit underlying the laws of the game. It is not every time that an attacking forward so much as approaches a defending goal-keeper that a 'Foul' or ungentlemanly conduct is intended. It is not every time that a player happens to fall that an infringement has occurred which must be penalised. Otherwise we may as well erase 'Fair Charges' from the foot-ball code and thereby make the game effeminate. The laws do refer to "Intention" being the main criterion for deciding what amounts to an offence or an infringement. The rules governing the game also make it clear that accidental and purely technical infringements, ought to be ignored. And there are such cardinal principles as a wrong doer not being allowed to profit by his own wrong doing

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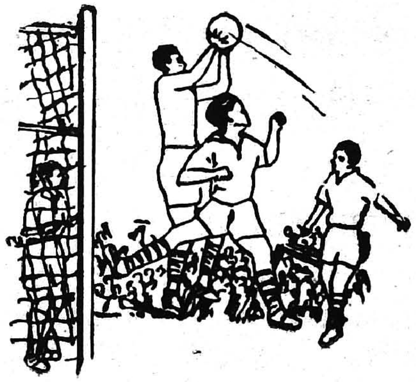
and a player having secured a legitimate advantage being allowed to exercise that advantage. The more experience that a referee acquires and the more he ponders over the deep reasons underlying the laws, the more he will realise that the laws are not an end by themselves, but that their only object is to let the game proceed with the minimum amount of judicious interference. In other words, it is the wise forbearance and reluctance to interfere unnecessarily, and knowing when to interfere and how to interfere with the progress of the game, that are the true hall marks of good refereeing and not blowing the pip off the whistle.

The question may well be asked, "Who then is the ideal referee?'. Though such a person may not actually exist, his attributes can always be described. He should be young, physically sound and fit, of an equable temperament, and have not only a thorough knowledge of the laws but also sound experience of actual play. His interference in the course of the game should be the minimum possible, consistent with fair play and observance of the rules. He should be firm and at the same time courteous in all his dealings. His observation should be keen and his decisions should be correct and prompt. He should not strive for effect, hanker after cheap popularity or try to focus attention on himself. He should allow the players to play the game and keep himself in the back-ground, unobtrusive but watchful, and quite ready to blow when the occasion demands it. In other words, he should neither non-co-operate with the whistle nor get fond of hearing his own whistling. He should not be unduly sensitive but possess sufficient 'Sang-froid', to go quietly but purposefully about his job. He should be one who relishes and joints in the tempo of the game and keeps it at a clean, sporting and manly level by his personality and his deft and wise control. He should strive to let the whole match go through smoothly and efficiently, without any fuss or incidents, thus bringing maximum enjoyment and satisfaction to all concerned.

(*Author's Note*:—"If you happen to meet such a referee, please introduce me to him".—J.S.)



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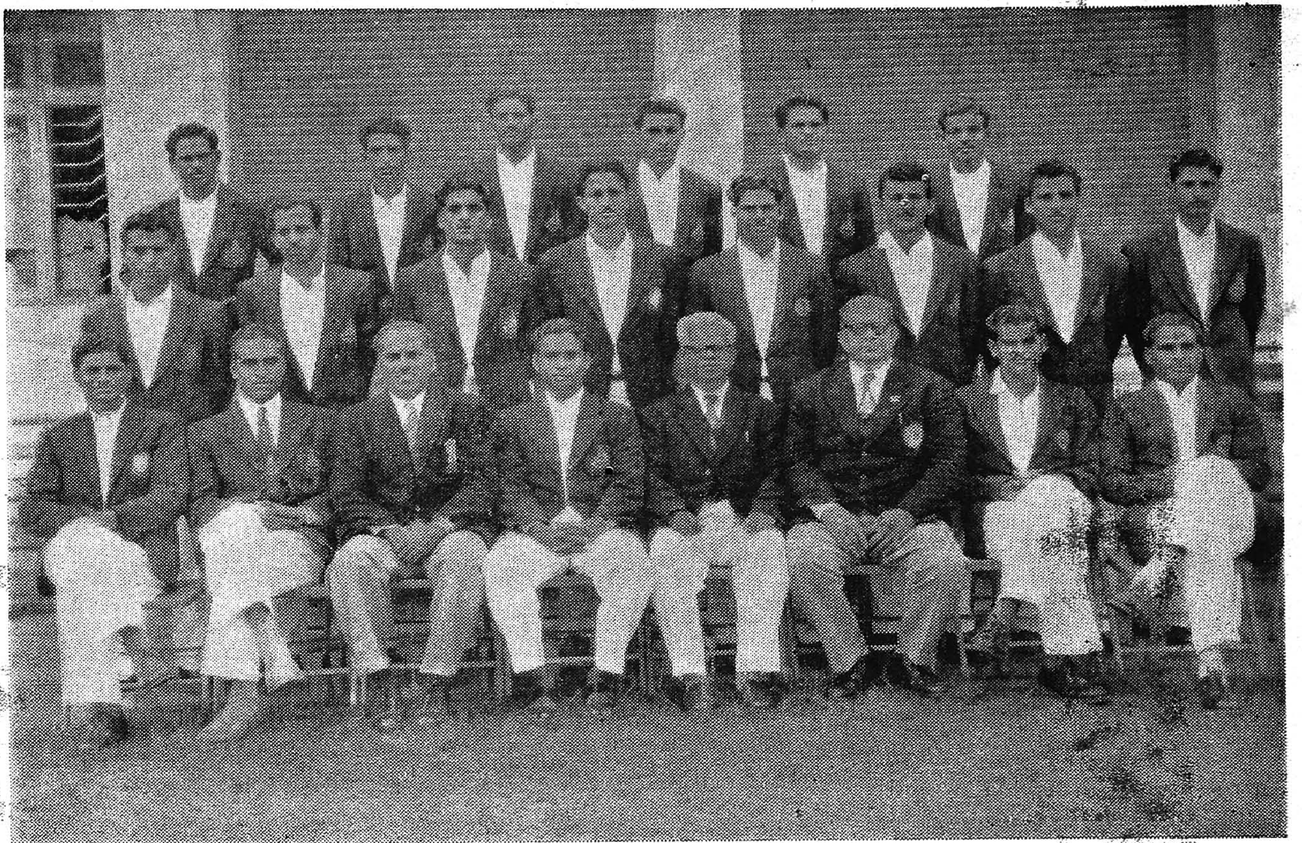

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line nor the nature of the match be it first round or final, has any bearing on the amount of compensation. The class to which a Referee belongs, we consider, is only his academic qualification and does not confer any extra privilege nor raise a halo around his name. Dignity of labour is our criterion and not the quantum of remuneration. The capacity of a Referee in coping with difficult circumstances that now and then actuate the game and in emerging unscathed without detriment to Justice and Fair play singles him out in our estimation. Of course First class Honours have their own value but they have no exclusive monopoly as such nor do they paint a highbrow. So much so, an incentive is given to other Referees to aim at perfection in their task and to realise that 'no pains, no gains' ought to be the 'sine qua non' of progress.

A second feature of the Association is that there is no professionalism among the members. What is meant is that no member depends entirely or even to a great extent for his livelihood on the payment for his services as a Referee. Because nearly all of them are educaetd and are in decent employment. Love of the game, equity and good conscience are the sole motivies that transmeate their mentality. Wherever the game is fostered whether in a College, High School public or private Institutions or even in slums our Referees are active at times 'even without remuneration'. A gazetted officer (Sri J. Subbuswami Bar.-at-Law, I.A.S.), the Chairman of the Referees Committee of the All-India Cricket Control Board, (Sri Dr. V. N. C. Rao), the manager of an All-India Daily (Sri A. Ramaswami Iyer, B.A., B.L.,) and the last but not the least, the South Zone Examiner of the A.I.F.F. Referees Board (Sri P. N. Ramachandran, B.A.,) who is also the architect of the Association's fortunes, are some of our Fraternity. Our Association is proud to include an International Referee (Sri L. R. Natarajan, Bombay) and a Deputy International (Sri A. N. Jayaraman, Delhi) though they are now domiciled in other states.

The third feature of our Association is its cosmopolitan character. All creeds and communities are represented and there is no high and low. The class or community consciousness which it is alleged is rampant in the South is conspicuous by its absence in our midst. The watchwords of the French Revolution, 'Liberte', 'Egalite' and 'Fraternite' are the tenets of our constitution and the oneness of our profession continues to be our abiding Motto.

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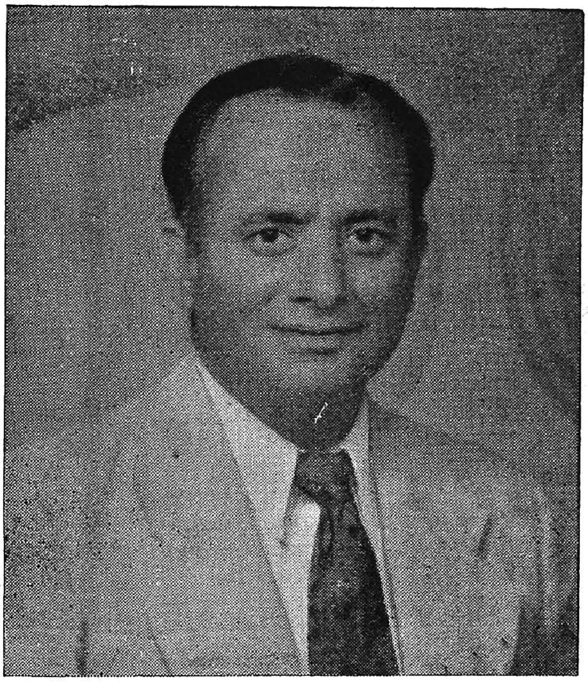

The All-India Football Federation

by

K. ZIAUDDIN, B.A., B.T.

On the 23rd June 1937 at the Army Headquarters, Simla, the All-India Football Federation was formed at a meeting of the representatives of Football Associations of Indian Football Association, Army Sports Control Board, United Provinces, Bihar, North West Indian Football Association and Delhi.

Before the birth of A.I.F.F., there was no properly constituted national organisation but the Indian Football Association (Bengal), the oldest Association of its kind in the country, was recognised for all practical purposes as the national controlling body largely because the I.F.A. was affiliated to the Football Association, England, and all foreign tours were conducted by the I.F.A. and all the foreign teams too negotiated with the I.F.A. for matches in Calcutta and India. There were not very many football associations in the provinces of the country. The I.F.A., however, felt they should endeavour to form a national body and accordingly invited representatives of other provincial Football Associations then in existence, at a Conference at Darbhanga in 1935. The Conference was presided over by the Maharaja of Santosh (now dead), the then President of the I.F.A., and representatives of I.F.A., Bihar, Assam, U.P., Delhi, Mysore and Bombay were present. This Conference, however, proved abortive and a sharp difference of opinion was cropped up with the result, the I.F.A. delegates Mr. S. N. Banerji (now dead) and Mr. Pankaj Gupta left the Conference as a protest along with the Chairman Maharaja of Santosh. The remaining delegates, however, formed a body and styled it as All-India Football Association with the Raja Bahadur of Darbhanga as President and Rai Bahadur J. P. Sinha (now dead) as Hony. Secretary. The I.F.A. and A.S.C.B. did not join this body and there had been a deadlock.

The I.F.A., however, made another effort to dissolve the deadlock and sent Mr. P. Gupta to Delhi to confer with Brigadier V. H. B. Majendie, the then President of the Army Sports Control Board. This meeting took place early in March 1937 and Messrs. Majendie and Gupta drew up a formula which ultimately led to the formation of the A.I.F.F. It was agreed at the Delhi talk between Messrs. Gupta and Majendie that a Con-

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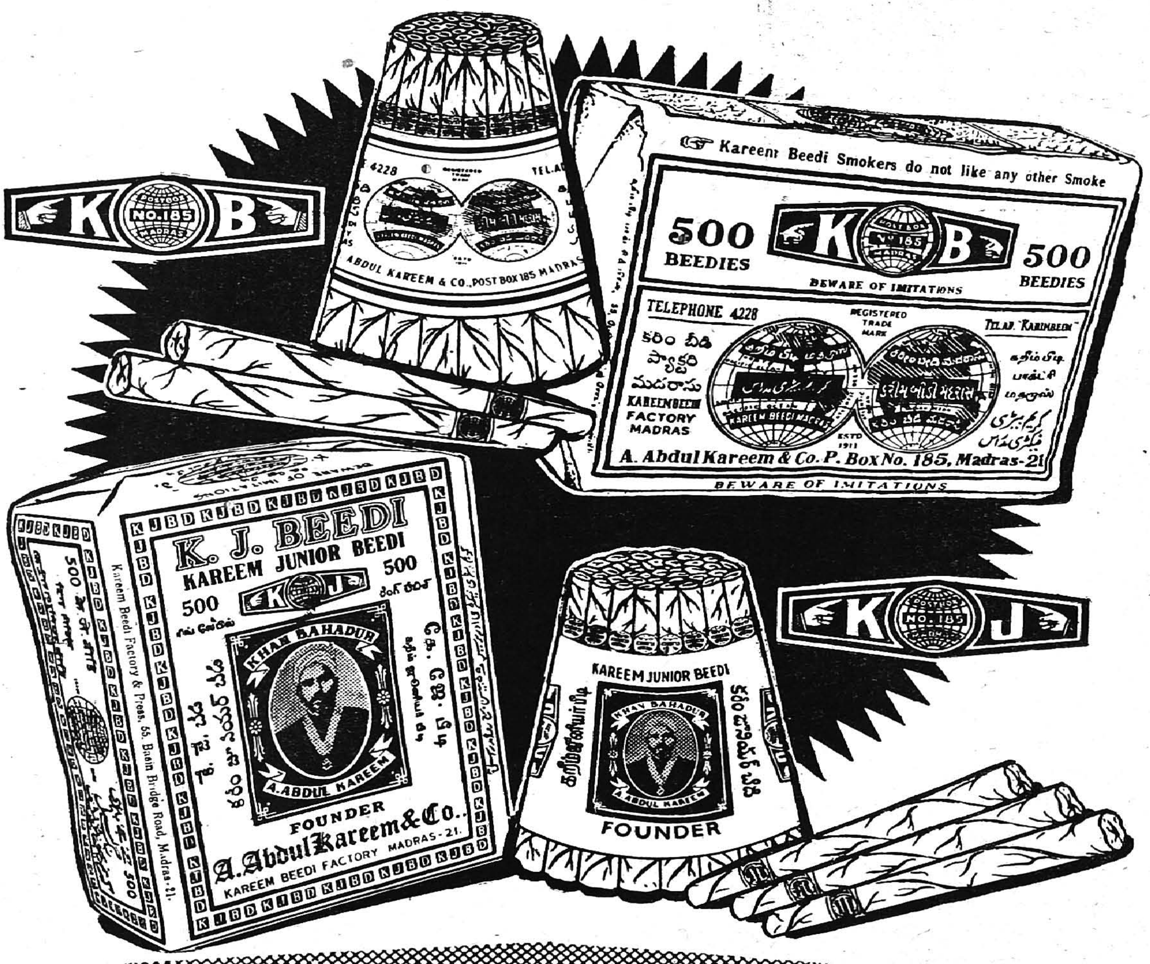

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ference should be called by the A.S.C.B. towards the end of March at Delhi in which 3 representatives of the I.F.A., and 3 representatives of the A.I.F.F. would be present. The Conference accordingly took place on 27th March, 1937 at New Delhi and was attended on behalf of the I.F.A. by late Mr. S. N. Banerji, Bar-at-Law (who subsequently became the President of I.F.A. in 1940), Mr. P. Gupta who was then the Jt. Hon. Secretary of the I.F.A., and Mr. H. N. Nicholls (Vice-President I.A.F. who subsequently became President of I.A.F. in 1939). Mr. Badrul Islam (Delhi), H. E. Brandon (Bombay), and Rai Bahadur J. P. Sinha (Hony. Secretary, A.I.F.A.) represented A.I.F.A. Brigadier V. H. B. Majendie presided at this meeting as its Chairman. At this Conference it was agreed to liquidate the A.I.F.A. and to form A.I.F.F. with one representative from each affiliated association and two each from I.F.A. and A.S.C.B. Messrs. P. Gupta and Brandon were entrusted to draft the rules of the new Federation to be placed for consideration at the inaugural meeting to be held at Simla on the 23rd June, 1937.

At this inaugural meeting the following office-bearers were elected:

President:

Brigadier V. B. H. Majendie, D.S.O. (A.S.C.B.).

Hony. Secretary:

Major A. C. Wilson (A.S.C.B.).

Hony. Treasurer:

Mr. P. Gupta (I.F.A.).

The draft rules as placed by Messrs. Gupta and Brandon were adopted.

The A.I.F.F. instituted the National Championship for Santosh Trophy in 1940.

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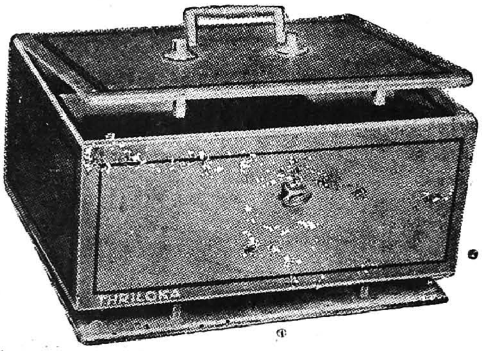

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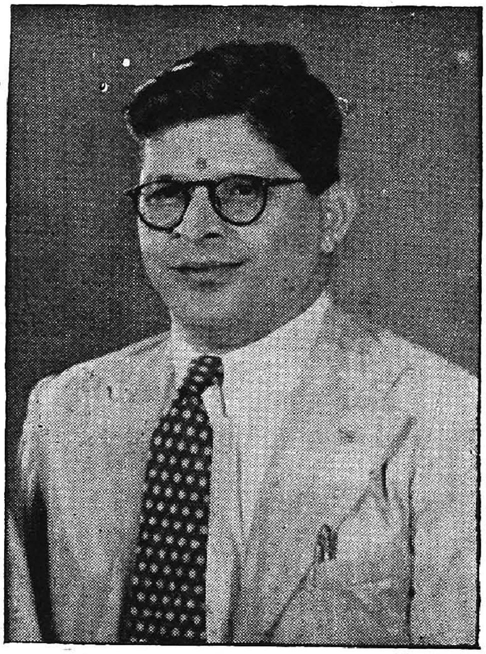
by

P. N. RAMACHANDRAN, B.A.



The game of soccer, a rich legacy bequeathed to us by the Britishers when they left the shores of India, has a mixed reception even in the land of its birth. One view—the view of the common man was voiced forth by no less a personage than the great Duke of Wellington, the "Iron Duke" as he is more familiarly known, in his famous remark that the battle of Waterloo was won on the football fields of Eton. The opposite view was aired quite recently by another English Field Marshall, Lord Wavell, one of the British Viceroys of India who when witnessing a game of fast soccer exclaimed "What a waste of precious TIME! Twenty-two sturdy young men chasing a leather global filled with air like mad man"!!! Whatever it may be, the game which came to India with the English East India Company has stayed on for good for it has caught the imagination and enthusiasm of the lower and middle classes of Indian Society. The game itself is ideally suited to the Indian temperament. Its short duration, its fast tempo and its being played in the cooler hours of the evening in a hot country like ours have drawn us closer to it. Being a poor man's game it can be started at a moment's notice. Given a good, bad or indifferent playing pitch, a band of determined young men and a ball or even an apology for one, a lively rough and tumble game of soccer is on.

Our revered President Dr. Sir A. L. Mudaliyar in one of his talks to the football fraternity described the great strength and suppleness of the Indian wrists and ankles and remarked how beautifully we are equipped by nature for taking a prominent place in the spheres of Hockey and Football. Everybody knows that India holds the World Championship in Hockey. But our standard in Soccer at present is nothing to be proud of. Let us try to find out why this is so. There is no gainsaying the fact that the standard of football deteriorated with the departure of the British Army. For one thing, good opposition which is very essential to improve the standard of any game was absent. Secondly the introduction of booted Soccer accelerated the deterioration. It not only slowed down the game to a considerable extent but also robbed the charm and beauty of the twinkling toes and dancing feet of bare-footed football. Gone are the weaving of patterns round the opponents, the artistic dodges, the elusive

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dribbles and selling the dummies with light fantastic toes. This may be but a temporary phase. Anyway there it is. Thirdly the Indian footballers burn the candle at both ends. They play every day in the week, every week in the month and every month in the year without break, unlike their compeers in the west, who in a much cooler climate, play serious football only on one day of the week viz: Saturday. Even a machine requires rest. No wonder our players grow stale in no time and are not able to last the pace for any length of time.

I do not want to be dragged into any controversy over the vexed question whether booted soccer is suited to India. But considering that at a moderate estimate, it would take another 25 years or so for us to make the grade in world Soccer, the question whether it was worthwhile to sacrifice the glamour of barefooted football at the altar of the Utopian top class football deserves consideration. Though I stand second to none in my zeal in seeing India reaching World standard in soccer, I maintain that a mistake was committed—a costly one at that, though unconsciously, by making the bare-footed players change over to boots. Putting old wine in new bottles has never succeeded and soccer has proved no exception. It would have been better, far better, if the present generation of footballers had been allowed to play barefooted and booted soccer introduced only in the schools the nursery of football from the very beginning. Catch them young and coach them well, is or should be the slogan of the day.

Though I am not unaware of the fact that competition gives a keen edge to the game, I shall restrict myself to the game which is played as a means of recreation. Though modern soccer is rapidly changing in technique and tactics, the fundamentals cannot but remain the same. Young men physically fit provide ready players. Only they should realise that, soccer, being a team game they are but the inter-dependent wheels of a big mechanism, the successful working of which depends on the smooth and harmonious working of the several wheels. Each player should subordinate his particular talent for the sake of his team. The special and peculiar talents of the various players should be integrated into correct technique for the tactical spirit and collective feeling of the team as a whole for after all, the strength of the chain is but the strength of its weakest link.

The end and aim of soccer is to score more goals than your opponents. Therefore to score or to feed your comrade to score should be the main, if not the only purpose to which all the basic skills of soccer like kicking, trapping, heading, tackling, throwing in etc., should be subordinate. It will be conceded that, other things being equal, the team which is in possession of the ball *in play* for a longer period has more chances of scoring. In order to do this every player should try to keep the ball in the field of play either under his direct control or the control of one or other of his comrades. Any faulty or ill-directed pass will give the whip hand to the opponent.

Success in any enterprise—Soccer is no exception—depends on your ability to keep your opponents in dark as to your intentions but at the same time to size up and anticipate his moves and intentions a shade quicker to enable you to set your defence suitably. The methods of your attack should be varied from time to time so as not to give any opportunity for your rival to form a set defence against you. Whatever methods of attack are employed, the element of surprise should find a prominent place therein. The charm of the game lies not only in the methods of attack you employ

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but also in the lines of defence you employ for wresting the initiative from your rivals and preventing them from getting the better of you.

The beginners need not worry about the type of game to be employed—whether the roving Centre half system, the three back system or the man to man system played by West Germany. It will come as a matter of course according to the team's abilities and temperament. The beginners should try to become exact by adopting the correct technique which can be mastered only when they are thorough with the laws of the game and the spirit underlying therein. They can become full fledged only when they learn field craft and gain match temperament and ball sense. The team should be deemed one unit. There should be no offence or defence as such. The entire team should be either on the offensive or defensive. It should move like a phalanx without leaving any gap either between the forwards and the half backs or between the half backs and the full backs. Intelligent interchange of positions is sure to create confusion in the enemy ranks. This means that a player should be prepared to play in any position at a given moment. If so, he should be able to play the ball into either foot equally well, and to trap the ball from any direction with any part of his body barring of course the hands and bring it under his absolute control.

No ball should be wasted. How often do we see corner kicks being wasted by being kicked out of play. It is estimated that only 20% of the corner kicks result in a goal. Players should not forget that to score, the ball must be in play, the longer it is so, the greater are the scoring chances. Why then waste time and energy by kicking the ball out of play? If a player loses control of the ball to an opponent, his partner who is near should challenge the opponent for it realising that in this team game, there is no work which is exclusively earmraked for any particular player and the nearest partner should give a helping hand.

Conservation of energy is highly essential in this game which depends upon stamina of the players. To run for a ball which you cannot possibly reach is sheer waste of time and energy. Not only that, it may also prove disastrous to your side if, when you are exhausted by that useless run, you are on that account unable to score the vital goal should opportunity come your way. Energy should be saved for the final kill or for a good clearance to avert a calamity. Energy can also be conserved by sending your passes to your team mates to pin point perfection so that they need not unnecessarily run to receive the balls—All this is hard work very hard work indeed—and requires a lot of practice built on stamina which every player should build up if he is to make good in the game.

Stamina in abundance uncanny but controlled speed, marvellous ball control and perfect co-ordination among players —these are the essentials if a team is to make the grade in the World Soccer. Played in the right spirit—there is no game which gives so much satisfaction to the players and spectators alike as a game of soccer—May be I am a bit partial to the game I love. Or am I?

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1941-42	...	B. & C. Mills Athletic Association
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1943-44	...	B. & C. Mills Athletic Association
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1948-49	...	Tilak Moti United Club
1949-50	...	M. & S. M. Railway Athletic Association
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YEAR	VENUE	RESULT
1953-54	Kozhikode	Only two Districts competed : Madras & Malabar Latter Won
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1950	Not Conducted	
1951	Madras	Bangalore
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1950	Hyderabad Football Association XI	Binny Mills Bangalore	Binny Mills Bangalore	B. & C. Mills	No Tournament
1949	T. V. S. Mathurai	Binny Mills Bangalore	XI Hunters Hyderabad	Pachaiyappas	B. & C. Mills
1948	T. V. S. Mathurai	B. & C. Mills	T.V.S. Mathurai	No Tournament	No Tournament
1947	B. & C. Mills	Sporting Youngsters Trichy		M. & S. M. Railway	No Tournament
1946	T. V. S. Mathurai	Young Gems Bangalore		No Tournament	No Tournament
1945	Pachaiyappas	No Tournament		No Tournament	No Tournament
1944	Tilak Moti	No Tournament		Pachaiyappas	No Tournament
1943	Nellore Rising Star	No Tournament			No Tournament
1942	B. & C. Mills	No Tournament			No Tournament
1941	Pachaiyappas	Tilak Moti			Minerva
1940	Minerva	Minerva			Minerva
1939	Pachaiyappas	Pachaiyappas			Pachaiyappas
1938	Moti Juvenile	Tilak Memorial			Minerva
1937	B. U. F. C. Bangalore	Rainbow Bezwada			Gloucester Regiment
1936		Moti Juvenile			Gloucester Regiment
1935		Young Gems Masulipatam			Suffolk Regiment
1934		Municipal High School Bezwada			Minerva
1933		C. R. Doss Memorial Club			Pachaiyappas
1932		C. R. Doss Memorial Club			Queens Own Regiment
1931		Hornets			Queens Own Regiment
1930		Madras Oriental Club			Middlesex Regiment
1929		Madras Oriental Club			Queens Own Regiment
1928		Madras Oriental Club			Queens Own Regiment
1927		Madras Oriental Club			Lancashire Fusiliers

YEAR	S. I. A. A.	GYMKHANA
1926	Tilak Memorial	Royal Ulster Rifles
1925	Bangalore Crescent	Royal Ulster Rifles
1924	Y. M. I. A.	Royal Ulster Rifles
1923		Queens Bay
1922		Queens Bay
1921		Dorsetshire Regiment
1920		Dorsetshire Regiment
1919		Reserve Battalion
1918		No Tournament
1917		No Tournament
1916		No Tournament
1915		No Tournament
1914		R. N. Lancashire Regiment
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"The umpire at cricket is like the geyser in the bathroom; we cannot do without it, yet we notice it only when it is out of order. The solemn truth is that the umpire is the most important man on the field; he is like the conductor of an orchestra. If first slip misses a catch, the error involves only a personal fallibility; we say 'Hard luck' and first slip begins again. If the umpire falters, everybody in the game is drawn into the range of mortal fraility; we do not say 'Hard luck' to the miserable man in the white coat; we even add to our gloating over his fallibility the imputation of stupidity or of malice propense. If a batsman misses a half-volley and is bowled, the crowd laughs or, at the worst calls the guilty man an ass. But the umpire who errs as obviously as that is likely to be regarded as unfit for the job. His fallibility can be reported to Lord's; nobody reports to Lord's the cricketer who, in the excitement of the moment runs his partner out.

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For his failure to stop a penalty-kick a goal-keeper in a recent F.A. Cup-tie saddled the referee with at least part of the responsibility. "Why", he enquired, "did the referee speak to me? I know the game. I know the Laws." Armed with this tasty morsel, the press dashed round to the referee and found it was his custom to warn the goal-keeper not to move, and that this practice had proved useful. Now the goalkeeper's plaint was that the caution had affected his concentration for the coming trial—and with the saddest result. Some may think the referee justified or entitled to utter a warning and many referees habitually take this precaution. Some may think the circumstances so trivial that no footballer should permit it to affect his equanimity. I would not agree with either of these propositions.

Footballers today are very kittle cattle indeed—all nerves and edge like highly trained race-horses-and very ittle is required to put them off their balance. To all but the most phlegmatic, the referee's sudden appearance and unexpected remarks provide ample reason for distraction from the task on hand. When a penalty has been awarded the goalkeeper is the most concerned man on the field (for the majority of shots succeed). All depends on him and he knows this. Much better, very much better, to leave him alone for, if he offends he either loses a goal or has again to face the ordeal. The goalkeeper (of course) knows the law. The referee should not, however unintentionally, offer handicap which to many might seem to be an attempt to reduce the risk of his having to order a kick to be re-taken with all the comment and opprobrium such dutiful action would probably cause.

In any case, why only warn the goalkeeper? It is true he is the vital fellow the action of any player on the field can really watch when the ball is actually kicked. But in certain circumstances the action of any player o the field can nullify the result of the shot. Why not warn the whole lot? Why not bring both linesmen up and station them strategically? (Heaven preserve us—let's get the kick taken today!) The referee should not speak to the goalkeeper any more than he warns a half-back of the possible consequences if he fails to throw the ball into the field in accordance with the law.

I remember long years ago a match in what was then the London Combination. The ground was hard with frost and the referee thought long before he decided play would be possible provided the players appreciated the conditions and the risks of a tumble and were considerate in their approach, one to the other. He went to both dressing rooms and so informed the players using on each visit the same form of words. At half-time one side came in raving mad. They had carried out the referee's instructions; the other side had not. An enquiry followed and the referee was in-

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formed he had no right to lay down conditions under which he was prepared to allow the game to be played. Quite so. The referee has no power, no right, to anticipate the course of events. (Bear this well in mind please if you think one or more of the players in a match you are going to take has a bad reputation; don't anticipate trouble—it is absolutely wrong to do so).

What the referee can do of course is to take prompt action, and to the fullest extent required, at the first sign of reck-lessness or roughness. He's got some-thing now, something that will explain or justify caution or other preventive action. But before the event? No! The referee must not anticipate transgression against the Laws—not even to save his own skin.

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1938 S. W. Borderers
1937 Border Regt,
1936 A. & S. Highlanders
1935 Border Regt.
1934 'B' Corps Signals
1933 King's Shropshire L. I.
1932 King's Shropshire L. I.
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1930 York & Lanc. Regt.
1929 York & Lanc. Regt.
1928 Sherwood Foresters
1927 York & Lanc. Regt .
1926 Durham L. I.
1925 Sherwood Foresters
1924 1st Worcesters
1923 Cheshire Regt.
1922 Lanc. Fusiliers
1921 3rd Worcesters
1920 Black Watch

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1913 Lanc. Fusiliers
1912 Royal Scots
1911 Black Watch
1910 Royal Scots
1909 Lanc. Fusiliers
1908 Lanc. Fusiliers
1907 Cameronians
1906 Cameronians
1905 Royal Dragoons
1904 N. Staffordshire
1903 R. Irish Rifles
1902 Hampshire Regt.
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1958 Caltex Club, Bombay.
1957 Hyderabad Police
1956 Mohammedan Sporting
1955 Mohun Bagan
1954 Hyderabad Police
1953 Hyderabad Police
1952 Hyderabad Police
1951 Hyderabad Police
1950 Hyderabad Police
1949 East Bengal
1948 Bangalore Muslims
1947 Not completed—stand collapse
1946 British Base Rein. Camp
1945 Combined Military Police
1944 British Base Rein. Camp
1943 Royal Air Force
1942 Bata Sports Club
1941 2nd Bn., Welsh Regiment
1940 Mohammedan Sporting
1939 28th Fd. Regt. R.A.
1938 Bangalore Muslims
1937 Bangalore Muslims
1936 1st Bn., The King's Regiment
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1934 2nd Bn., Sherwood Foresters
1933 1st Bn., The King's Regiment
1932 Royal Irish Fusiliers
1931 II B., Royal West Kent Regt.
1930 2nd Bn., K.O.S.B.'s.
1929 2nd Bn., Royal Warwick Re.
1928 1st Bn., Royal Warwick. Regt.
1927 1st Bn., Cheshire Regiment
1926 2nd Bn., Middlesex Regiment
1925 2nd Bn., Middlesex Regiment
1924 2nd Bn., Middlesex Regiment
1923 2nd B., Durham Light Infantry
1922 2nd Bn. Durham Light Infantry
1921 1st Bn., K.S.L.I.

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1910 2nd Bn., Leicestershire Regt.
1909 2nd Bn., Leicestershire Regt.
1908 2nd Bn., Worcester Regiment
1907 2nd Bn., The East Lancs
1906 2nd Bn., The Royal Scots
1905 1st Bn., Seaforth Highlanders
1904 1st Bn., Cheshire Regiment
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1902 1st Bn., Cheshire Regiment
1901 2nd Bn., Royal Irish Regiment
1900 42nd Royal Highlanders
1899 2nd Bn., Royal Irish Regiment
1898 Highland Light Infantry
1897 2nd Bn., Middlesex Regiment
1896 2nd Bn., Durham Light Infantry
1895 2nd Bn., The Royal Scots
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1893 2nd Bn., Lancashire Fusiliers
1892 1st Bn., Worcester Regiment
1891 1st Bn., Worcester Regiment

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1958 East Bengal
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1938 East Yorkshire
1937 Field Brigade
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1934 K. R. R.
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1932 Essex Regiment
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1925 2nd Royal Scots Fusiliers
1924 Calcutta F. C.
1923 Calcutta F. C.
1922 Calcutta F. C.
1921 3rd Worcestershire
1920 The Black Watch
1919 1st Brecknockshire
1918 Training Reserves
1917 Middlesex Regt.
1916 North Staffords
1915 Calcutta F. C.
1914 King's Own Regt.
1913 Royal Irish Rifles
1912 Royal Irish Rifles
1911 Mohun Bagan
1910 Gordon Highlanders
1909 Gordon Highlanders
1908 Gordon Highlanders
1907 Highland L. I.
1906 Calcutta F. C.
1905 Dalhousie A. C.
1904 Calcutta F. C.
1903 Calcutta F. C.
1902 93rd Highlanders
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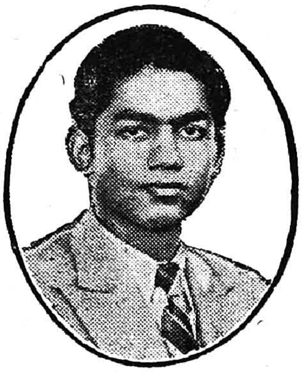

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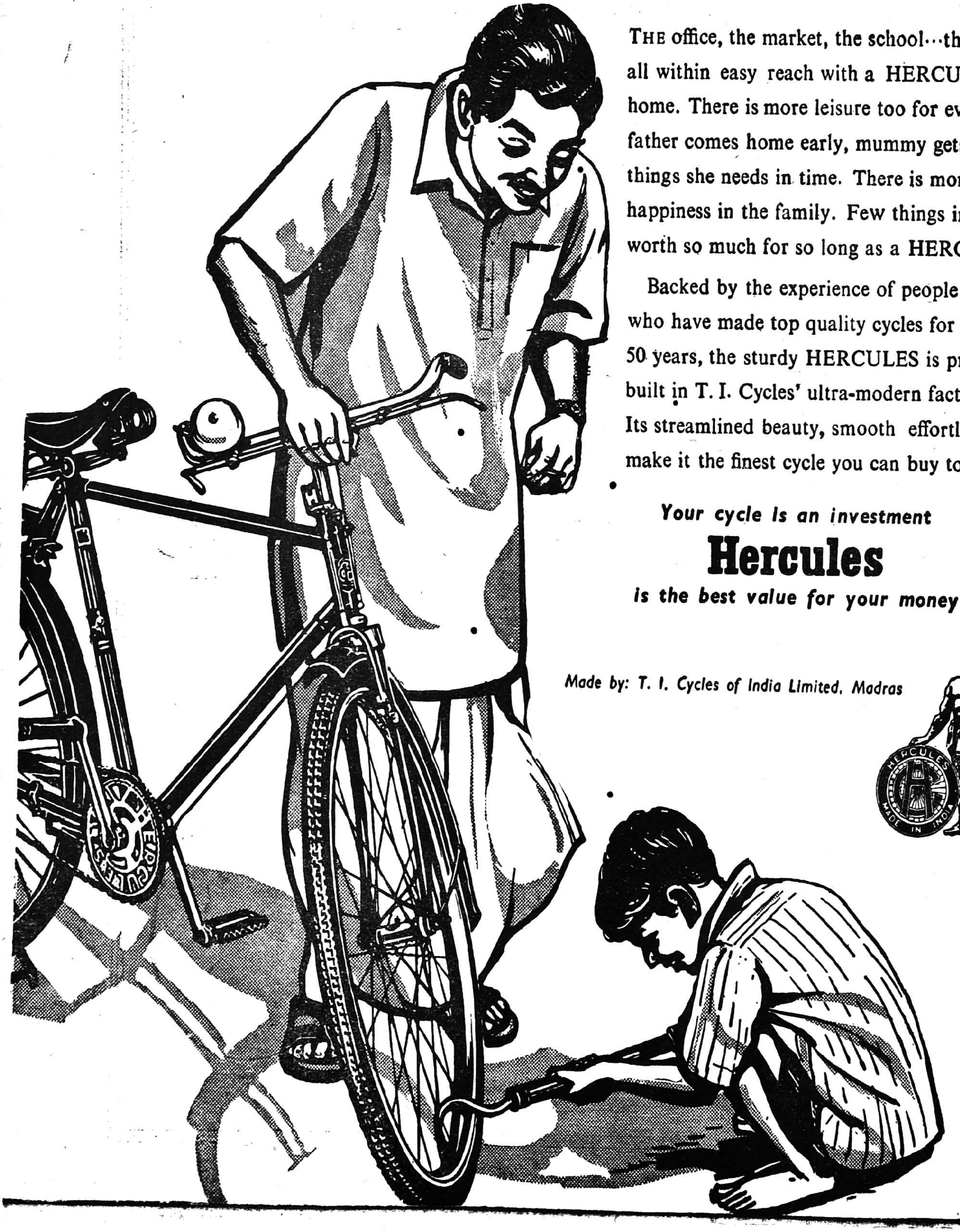

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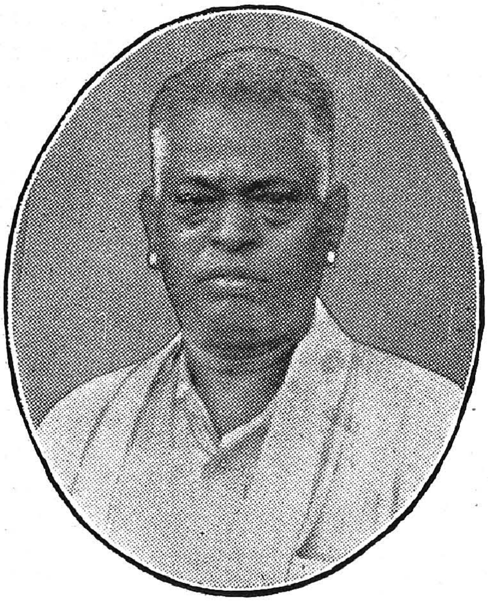

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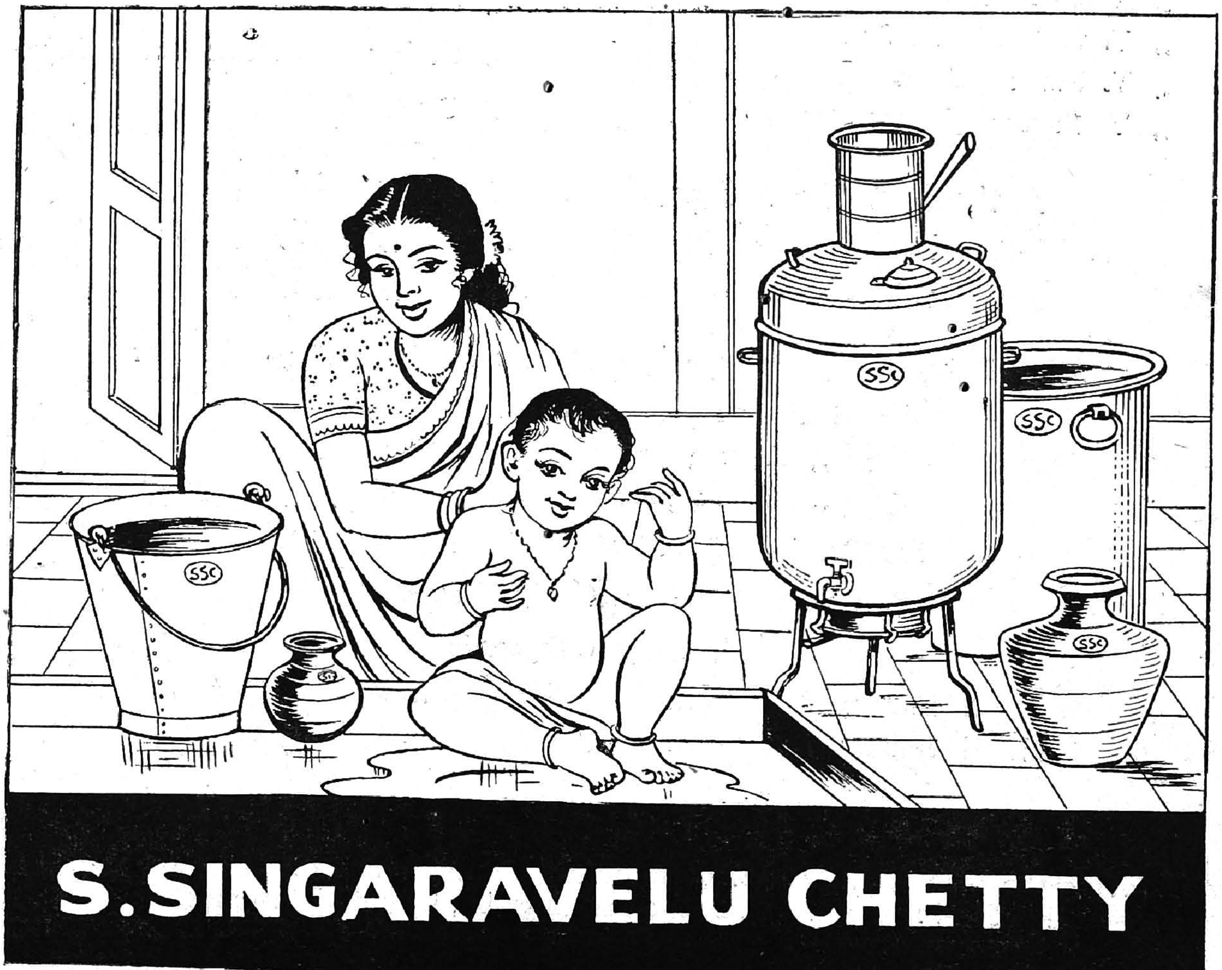

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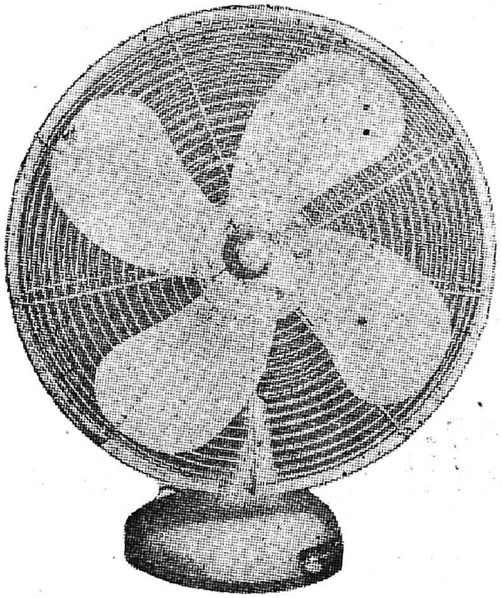

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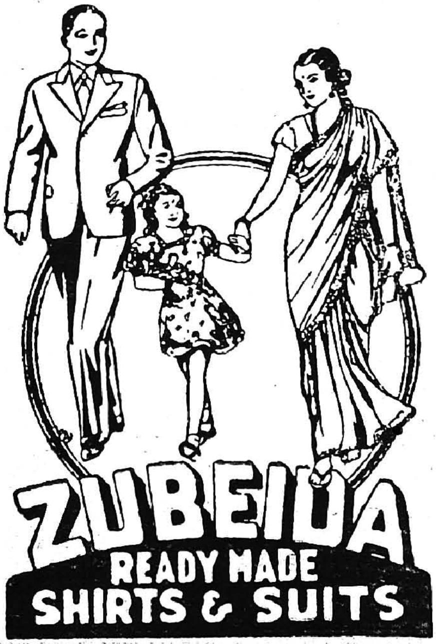

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